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Call for talks over new site of mosque

MUSLIM leaders say they will consider another site for a mosque in Dudley in a bid to halt a costly legal battle with the council.

They want to have fresh talks with council chiefs, despite their plans for a controversial mosque scheme on land off Hall Street getting the go-ahead last week.

Dudley Muslim Association is locked in a legal battle with Dudley Council over the land earmarked for the mosque with 62ft minaret.

The association will not be able to build the place of worship unless they win a Court of Appeal hearing, which will rule on the council's bid to buy back the land. The dispute has gone on for seven years and is next in court in February.

Association director Dr Khurshid Ahmed said he wanted a meeting with council bosses and would consider an alternative site. He added: "I would like to see the council reflect on the whole issue and look at a number of options."

The land is owned by the association but the council won a High Court hearing to trigger a buy-back clause.

John Millar, Dudley's director of the urban environment, said: "The planning approval does not impact upon the council's legal obligations."

Black Country Day thanks

ORGANISERS who masterminded the first ever festival to celebrate the Black Country will be honoured at a civic reception in Dudley next week.

The Mayor of Dudley Councillor Margaret Aston has sent out invites to key players behind July's festival to join her in the Mayor's Parlour on Tuesday to thank them for their efforts.

Tens of thousands of people enjoyed the first Black Country Festival, marking official Black Country Day on July 14.

£9m OVERHAUL AT BUS STATION

DUDLEY bus station is being revamped in a £9 million scheme including new buses with leather seats and charging points for mobile phones.

A deal to roll out a new generation of buses alongside the revamp plans has been revealed by bosses at Centro.

Top-of-the-range free wi-fi equipped Sapphire buses will be rolled out on services around the West Midlands as part of Partnership Plus, a deal signed by the area's public transport co-ordinator body and operator Arriva Midlands.

They will also have capacity to take electronic smartcards, similar to London's Oyster card, which is a system being developed by Centro to modernise public transport in the Midlands.

Attractive

Bosses signed the deal which pledges 22 different initiatives between 2014 and 2016 with the aim of making bus travel more attractive, improving customer satisfaction and boosting passenger numbers.

The new buses will initially operate on the 110 route from Birmingham to Tamworth and number one and two services between Walsall and Cannock.

Arriva Midlands regional managing director, Alex Perry, said: "We are incredibly proud of the part we play in ensuring our customers have access to the very best transport service possible. We are delighted to enter into this agreement with Centro, which we believe will facilitate the continual enhancement of not only passenger experience, but also deliver patronage growth and an enriched service provision."

By Andrew Turton

Finer points of the details on the investment scheme are still being worked on including what works will be carried out on Dudley bus station but bosses have revealed a number of schemes which form part of the contract.

A minimum of 20 new buses into the Arriva fleet, of which 18 will be Sapphire buses, riding out across the Midlands.

New shelters will be installed with enhanced passenger information throughout Wolverhampton city centre.

The bus operator will also be working with Centro to improve links to i54 on the Wolverhampton and south Staffordshire border.

Other features include enhanced CCTV on board buses, better training for drivers and the provision of real time passenger information at bus stops for Arriva services.

Centro vice chairman, Councillor Kath Hartley, said: "This brand new partnership agreement commits Centro and Arriva Midlands to working closely together."

"By doing so we can deliver many improvements for passengers that will help make bus travel more attractive in the West Midlands region."

Pop stars Little Mix light up Merry Hill



The X Factor pop stars Little Mix join Bars & Melody and Sam and Mark switch on the festive lights at Merry Hill

LITTLE Mix were on hand to give Merry Hill Shopping Centre's Christmas lights switch on the X Factor.

Thousands turned out to see the nation's favourite girl band make sure the festivities went with a bang.

The Salute singers were joined by a range of other performers including Britain's Got Talent runners-up and rap duo Bars & Melody.

The event was hosted by TV presenters and Free Radio's Sam Nixon and Mark Rhodes, who hails from Darlaston, and the switch-on took place on the centre's 25th birthday.

Shoppers watched the traditional

lights come to life and were treated to Little Mix performing before they did the honours. The girls performed three of their biggest hits — Salute, Move and DNA — as well as an a cappella version of their track Hey, How Ya Doin', as well as covers of several other chart hits.

When they hit the plunger the shopping centre lit up to the sounds of a spectacular fireworks display.

Little Mix singer Perrie Edwards said: "We always love the crowds here because they just love to get involved. We just wanted to go out there and get everybody excited and ready for

Christmas with a bit of festive cheer."

This week, the centre was revealed to be the best shopping centre in the West Midlands in a poll, beating the Bullring.

Meanwhile, Dudley town centre's festive lights will be switched on this Saturday.

Dudley Mayor Councillor Margaret Aston and Father Christmas will start the countdown at 5pm. The Christmas tree in Stone Street Square will be the centre piece.

Festive lights will be switched on in Stourbridge on November 29 and Brierley Hill on December 6.

Hospital trust plan to slash 400 jobs

FOUR hundred jobs will be axed at Dudley's hospital trust during the next two years as it looks to save £14 million.

Bosses plan to reduce staff numbers through natural wastage such as retirement and a 'mutually agreed resignation scheme' which enables workers to leave in return for a set severance payment.

They have promised that compulsory redundancies would be a 'last resort'.

Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, which employs 4,500 staff, is bidding to balance its books in the wake of Government funding cuts.

It will also restrict recruitment to vacant posts, although bosses say they will continue to recruit to 'essential frontline nursing posts on wards and in the community'.

Earlier this year, the trust revealed it was facing a £6.7 million deficit this financial year.

Chief executive Paula Clark said the hospital trust board's decision to reduce the posts was not taken lightly.

"Our priority is always to provide high quality patient care as well as protecting our workforce and, if we can get the vacancy controls right, then we can reduce redundancies," she said.

Death blamed on a cigarette

THE death of homeless man in the back of a burning car was probably the result of a discarded cigarette, a coroner ruled.

Senior Black Country Coroner Zafar Siddique said he was satisfied there was no foul play regarding the death of 54-year-old Mark Palmer. He was found after firefighters were called to a blazing Peugeot 306 car on May 10 in a service road opposite Cradley Heath railway station, an inquest at Smethwick was told.

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Ten years jail for man who raped child

A PAEDOPHILE has been jailed for 10 years for the rape of a young girl. Phillip Hollis, of Round Hill, Sedgley, was jailed at Wolverhampton Crown Court after admitting to four charges of rape and a fifth charge of exposure. The sex offences were committed on a girl under 13 years of age.

The court heard how Hollis, aged 47, carried out attacks after smoking cannabis. The assaults came to light after the girl's school were alerted by comments she made.

Mr Nigel Stelling, prosecuting, said: "She told police he exposed himself to her and that she looked away. He then asked if she wanted to have sex."

On being arrested and questioned, Hollis had denied that he had any such contact with the victim, but went on to make an admission when challenged by a relative of the girl.

"The victim was to tell officers that the act of intercourse followed him smoking cannabis," added Mr Stelling.

Mr Gurddeep Garcha, defending, said that Hollis was sorry, saying: "He has taken responsibility for what he has done."

"He is sorry and has shown deep remorse. The reality he finds himself in now is that society will label him as a paedophile and he has to live with that."

"He's 47 with no previous convictions and now finds himself rock bottom and about to go into prison."

Judge Martin Walsh jailed Hollis for 10 years and ordered him to sign the sex offenders' register for life.

Campaign is driven by fear of accidents

MORE than 94,000 fines have been handed out for bad driving across the West Midlands over the last year, with figures by a road safety charity revealing the most dangerous areas.

Cannock (WS11) and Hednesford (WS12) post-code areas saw the most dished out with 1,084 and 1,005 penalties dished out for offences of careless driving and speeding.

Third in the table were drivers in WV6 which covers Tettenhall, Pattingham and Perton where in all 983 tickets were handed out.

Drivers in DY8, which covers Wordsley, Wordsley and Amblecote areas of Stourbridge and DY10 in Harvington, Kidderminster made up the top five in the area with 977 and 966 fines given respectively.

In Sandwell the worst area was Tipton (DY4) with 585 fines, ahead of 554 for B63, Halesowen.

A total of 94,225 fines were handed out across the West Midlands during 2013, many of which were in areas that have a large number of country roads.

The research was done by road safety charity Brake. In the West Midlands 156 people were killed and 1,642 seriously injured on the roads last year.

Borough backs cancer battle

HEALTH chiefs in Dudley are supporting a campaign to raise awareness of bladder and kidney cancer, which affects around 80 Dudley residents each year.

A national campaign was launched this month to raise awareness of the key symptoms, such as blood in urine.

Dr David Pitches, consultant in public health in Dudley, said: "You're not wasting anyone's time by getting your symptoms checked out."

In 2012, 55 people in Dudley died from bladder or kidney cancer.

Cheese and wine

PEOPLE in Dudley have been invited to a charity cheese and wine evening hosted by the Mayor.

Councillor Margaret Aston is inviting people to join her at Dudley Council House on Wednesday, November 26, from 7pm. Tickets £6.50 on (01384) 815211.

A CONSULTATION has been launched for residents to highlight the services they consider vital in Dudley as council bosses consider £57 million worth of cuts.

Dudley Council want people to select the top five services across the borough that matter the most to them — from rubbish collections to children's services and town centre improvements.

A week to start caring for yourself

RESIDENTS in Dudley are being urged to take charge of their own health as national self care week approaches.

The week, which runs this week until Sunday, aims to encourage people nationwide to look after themselves.

Dudley Council's self management team will use the week to get people to think about how small changes can improve their overall health.

The team will also promote programmes which are available for those dealing with long term health issues such as asthma, diabetes and depression.

Health boss Councillor Rachel Harris said: "Self care week is a great opportunity for people to be proactive about improving their own health and that of their families. As well as making some simple changes, it's also a good time to make sure people know where they can get information or support on health related issues."

"In Dudley the office of public health's self management team have some fantastic programmes."

More information can be found at www.dudleyselfmanagement.org

Bosses are looking at ways to find savings in the wake of Government cut-backs and, over the last two years, through its Big Question budget consultations it has attracted 7,000 views on council services.

Finance boss Councillor Stuart Turner says that the authority was keen to bring back the Big Question consultation for a third year to ask residents to select the services they most value.

The responses will be used by council bosses when they look at finding savings by changing, or cutting, services to save money.

Councillor Turner said: "As a community council, we've listened to our residents and attempted to maintain a high level of service whilst making the savings that are required due to the national funding shortfall. So far, we have made £60 million of savings but over the next three years we still have to find around a further £57 million."

People can take part by visiting www.dudley.gov.uk or by using #dudleybudget on twitter.

People can also pick up hard copy versions of the consultation from borough libraries and Dudley Council Plus in Castle Street, Dudley. The consultation runs through to January 25.

Also among the money-savers already highlighted are plans to turn off some street lights after midnight and reducing maintenance of parks.

Rubbish mountain still stands



The huge pile of rubbish at Refuse Derived Fuel Ltd at Moor Street, Brierley Hill

A TOWERING pile of rubbish has not been touched in 10 months, despite a man being jailed for failing to clear it up. The mountain of waste at the former Refuse Derived Fuel Ltd industrial yard in Moor Street, Brierley Hill, is 19ft high.

Company director Robert McNaughton served a term in jail earlier this year for failing to comply with a court order to clear the site. Despite his release and the launch of legal action by the Environment Agency, to seize assets from McNaughton to pay for the clean-up, the waste has not been removed and neighbours fear it has become a permanent fixture.

While McNaughton was in prison, the landlords removed some bales in January.

Environment Agency spokeswoman Harriet Templar-Vasey said: "Unfortunately no more waste has been removed from the Refuse Derived Fuels site. We're continuing to work on legal steps to require the director Robert McNaughton and/or the landowners to remove the waste. Once we have more certainty on this we will explain what is happening to local residents."

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Heathens to share track with Brummies

CRADLEY Heathens speedway club will return to the track next season but at a new home — in Birmingham.

Heathens were told they could no longer use Wolverhampton's Monmore Green for 2015, their temporary home for the last four years.

But club chairman Nigel Pearson has revealed a deal has been struck to share Birmingham's Perry Barr Stadium. Heathens have been unable to find a location in Dudley borough to build a new home stadium.

Mr Pearson has criticised Dudley Council for not doing enough to help but council leader Councillor David Sparks said they have carried out 'extensive searches' without success.

The club have lost the use of Monmore Green which is now only available for Elite League Wolverhampton.

The Birmingham Brummies aim to bounce back at the same Perry Barr venue with the clubs racing on alternate Wednesdays from March to October.

Mr Pearson said: "This is wonderful news for both sets of supporters. We will need every single Heathens fan to come along to Perry Barr and support us to ensure the club survives."

Lighting up for festivities

MORE than £7,000 has been given to campaigners to allow a town to hold their first Christmas lights display in over two decades.

A display will be held in Roseville, Colesey, after councillors agreed to fund the purchase of new lights.

In total, £7,130 has been given by members of the Colesey East and Sedgley community forum.

The lights will go on display from lampposts along Castle Street.

Ward Councillor Melvyn Mottram said: "This is great news and will also bring the community together."

Gift fair at hall

HIMLEY Hall is to host to a two-day Christmas gifts fair.

The event runs from 10.30am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday and will feature more than 50 exhibitors from all over the country. Parking is free. Entry is £2 for adults, £1.50 OAPs and free for under-16s.

Combined authority name rethink if more join

THE West Midlands combined authority looks likely to be named 'Birmingham and the Black Country' but it may have to change if Coventry and Solihull accept an invitation to come on board.

Council leaders in Dudley, Sandwell, Wolverhampton, Walsall and Birmingham have agreed to set up a combined authority to take on powers that may be devolved from London — given the move to devolve powers since the Scottish Referendum.

The name Greater Birmingham is off the

table but one proposed by Sandwell Council leader Darren Cooper is 'Birmingham and the Black Country'. The senior councillor said he still hoped that Coventry and Solihull would accept an invitation to join.

He said: "People are asking if we'll be known as Greater Birmingham. The simple answer is no. We will work on a name that will reflect the views of the local people, for example, it may be called Birmingham and the Black Country. However if other councils join us, we'll have to think of something

else. Possibly, it could be the West Midlands Combined Authority. We're hoping to confirm the official name early next year.

"I'm confident that by doing this, we're going to attract hundreds of millions of pounds of investment to create jobs and improve transport links across the West Midlands."

"Sandwell or any of the other councils won't suddenly cease to exist. Each authority will keep its own name, governance arrangements and identity. The individual

councils will still set their own council tax rates, they'll still provide local services on an individual basis, there will be no amalgamation of services or councils.

"The combined authority will be made up of a board of all of the council leaders, chaired by one of us, and also the chairs of the Local Enterprise Partnerships."

He added: "We'll have stronger decision-making powers, more say over how money is spent and it will also give us a powerful voice to speak as one."

Climber is badly injured in 32ft cliff fall at Wren's Nest

A MAN was badly injured after falling 32ft down a cliff face at a Dudley beauty spot.

He was rescued from Wren's Nest National Nature Reserve in what fire crews described it as a 'dramatic' rescue as the man was in a precarious position on a ledge.

The man, in his 20s, was taken to Russells Hall Hospital with neck and back injuries.

West Midlands Ambulance Service said a 'medical episode' had led to the fall, which happened at 1.30pm on Saturday.

A stretcher was lowered on ropes to rescue the man, who was on a ledge by the Severn Sister caverns.

Fire crews said the man was precariously positioned around 80ft up the cliff face.

Hour

Specialists from Dudley Fire Station helped rescue him with the operation taking around an hour.

Watch commander Ross Gordon said: "He was in a very precarious position. It was a severe cliff face and the incident was pretty dramatic."

"Ambulance crews were there first and requested our help."

"We're not sure what had happened to lead to the fall and the man was on his own."

"He was drifting in and out of consciousness and was pretty badly injured."

Crews made their way up tracks on the cliff face

By Tim Spiers

before lowering ropes down and rescuing the man.

Mr Gordon added: "Ironically we were on a first aid trauma course when the call came in."

"It's not something we do every day and it was made difficult by the weather but it was a textbook rescue."

Ambulance Service spokesman Steve Parry said: "Crews arrived to find a man had fallen about 10 metres down a cliff face after apparently suffering a medical episode."

"A man in his twenties was treated for neck and back pain."

"The patient was assessed at the scene before being brought to safety in a basket stretcher lowered by rescue ropes."

"The Hazardous Area Response Team worked with fire service colleagues to rescue the man from a ledge."

The patient was eventually taken by ambulance to Russell Hall Hospital for further assessment and treatment."

Grande city gig for pop star

AMERICAN pop star Ariana Grande, who found fame on children's TV show Victorious, is coming to Birmingham as part of her first UK tour next year.

She will be in concert at Birmingham city centre venue the Barclaycard Arena on June 9. Her album My Everything has gone to number one in the charts in more than 80 countries. Tickets start at £32.50 plus fees and go on sale tomorrow (Friday).



Chris Aston with some of the movie posters going under the hammer in Dudley

Posters of iconic films at auction

ORIGINAL posters promoting iconic films will be going under the hammer in Dudley.

The auction at Aston's Auctioneers on Tower Street will include posters for 1985 science-fiction classic Back to the Future and classic Clint Eastwood western The Good, The Bad and the Ugly.

Managing director and auctioneer Chris Aston said: "The Back to the Future one is an interesting poster. People love that film — it is a proper cult classic, so that could really do well."

"We also have a 'Le Mans', one which would be a treat for any Steve McQueen fan. The artwork is really nice on that so it would also be good for anyone into racing or someone who just wants to make their garage look a bit smarter."

More than 100 posters have already been put forward for the sale on December 11. They are all originals and would have been in cinema foyers to advertise the movies. Mr Aston added: "Even the cheaper ones can be a good investment for the future."

For more information or to submit a poster for sale call Aston's on (01384) 931001.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Victorian pub to highlight heritage

A PUB in Lower Gornal has closed temporarily while a major revamp takes place.

The Old Bull's Head in Redhall Road is due to reopen in time for Christmas after a six-figure refurbishment emphasising its Victorian heritage.

Part of the Pen-net-based Black Country Ales chain, the pub is due to open again on December 4 to unveil its new look. BCA managing director Angus McMeeking said the pub, which has a brewery, would offer more guest ales as well as its own beers.

Match girl dance is brought to theatre

A TEARJERKING dance event will be held at Birmingham's Patrick Centre, within Birmingham Hippodrome, with a version of Hans Christian Andersen's The Little Match Girl from November 27 to 29.

Choreographer Arthur Pita's production, featuring original live music by Frank Moon, will be staged at 1.30 and 7pm on the Thursday and Friday, and 3pm on the Saturday. It is 70 minutes long.

See www.danceexchange.org.uk for more details.

MP's concern at further police cuts

FURTHER cuts to police in the Black Country have sparked concerns from Dudley North MP Ian Austin. He said that residents will be concerned a second wave of £100 million cuts will hit front line policing, after West Midlands Chief Constable Chris Sims and Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson said they expected hundreds of job losses after the General Election.

Festive fair in aid of church funds

A CHRISTMAS fair will take place in Upper Gornal later this month.

The event will be at St Peter's Church, in Kent Street, from 10.30am to 2.30pm on Saturday, November 29.

Stalls will be selling items such as books and cakes. There will also be a tombola. Money raised will go to the church.

Beowulf's beers

A STOURBRIDGE pub has a week-long mini beer festival with brews from Brownhills brewery Beowulf. Folded Cross and Finn's Hall Porter will be among ales at Chequers Inn, Monday to Sunday.

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A READER says he has already been overwhelmed by Christmas spirit. He rushed out and bought his wife a new coal shovel, even though her battered and splintered old shovel would probably last until the January sales. Sir, she does not deserve you.

MORE green cobblers. A reader reports seeing this on the rear of a builders' van: "To reduce our carbon footprint this vehicle is limited to 70 mph." Which is, of course, the maximum national speed limit.

A READER, aware of my North Country roots, suggests the latest Volkswagen UP, an electric car which costs virtually nothing to run, should appeal to Yorkshire folk. He adds: "Its full name is E-UP. See? It even speaks Yorkshire."

NO-ONE denies that landing a European spacecraft on a comet far, far away is a brilliant technical achievement. However, the Rosetta project has gobbled up more than £1,000 million of our money and we have no choice in such matters. We EU taxpayers are committed by various Euro-treaties to spend colossal amounts of money on space research. Given a democratic choice, how many of us would have voted to send a spaceshot to a comet rather than spending the money on something more pressing? Today our EU bosses may be thrilled to have put a probe on Comet 67P. But if we had invested that £1,000 million in medical research we might have have found a cure for cancer.

THEY'RE still grumbling up in Scotland and the effigy of Alex Salmond at the Lewes bonfire did not improve Anglo-Scottish relations. A contributor to a Scottish newspaper's website tells the tale of a reporter in Dundee who came upon a terrible incident.



A pit-bull terrier was attacking a small boy in the street when a man leaped forward and throttled the beast with his bare hands. The reporter pulled out her mobile phone, contacted her office and said: "I've got a great story. Use the headline: Dundee Hero Saves Child by Killing Vicious Dog. The bloodstained hero interrupted her: "Actually, I'm not local," he explained. "I'm from Wolverhampton."

The reporter snarled into her mobile: "Change headline to Englishman Kills Family Pet."

I MAY be a little out of touch with cinema etiquette. Since when has sitting in an auditorium among strangers and stuffing your face with a big, greasy, smelly hot dog been acceptable behaviour?

ONE of Auntie Beeb's finest was trying to explain how a piffing £1.1 billion fine, imposed by the Financial Conduct Authority on five banks (which will end up being paid by shareholders and customers) is any sort of punishment for dodgy business practices. He solemnly stressed the importance of "reputational damage" to the banks. Now, what reputation would that be?

I REFERRED recently to man landing on the moon in 1969. A conspiracy-minded reader says a) men never went to the moon and b) the proof is on YouTube. In fact a) yes, they did and b) no it isn't. But the more you try to change a conspiracy theorist's mind, the more they think they're on to something. As Elvis was telling me only the other day.

THE highlight of the Downton Abbey Christmas Special? Ladies Edith and Mary fight to the death for the love of Branson before the action shifts to Pentonville Prison for the double-hanging of Mr and Mrs Bates. You read it here first.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Obesity is costing region £114m

OBESITY in the West Midlands is at a 'tipping point' as the cost to the public purse in the Black Country and Staffordshire was put at almost £115 million a year.

A summit of health professionals, businesses and others was held to try to tackle the crisis that sees more than two thirds of adults in Wolverhampton alone classed as overweight or obese.

The estimated annual 'cost of inactivity' in Dudley is put at £24.7m and at £25.7m in Sandwell. In Wolverhampton it is £22.5m and in Walsall £21.9m.

The costs are added up for treating obese and overweight people.

Exercise promoter UK Active says in a report that the West Midlands has the highest per cent of adults who are physically inactive.

Speaking at the Obesity Summit held at Wolverhampton Racecourse, Councillor Sandra Samuels, the city's cabinet member for health, said: "It's particularly worrying that so many of our young people are now becoming obese."

"The situation is nearly at a tipping point right now but it is not too late to get something done. If we work together in moving forward

then it is not impossible to change this situation."

Bilston councillor Stephen Simkins, who has taken on a weight loss challenge to go from 23st 3lb to around 16 stone, said: "There are two reasons why tackling obesity is so important. One is the financial burden it puts on taxpayers and the other is that people need a better quality of life."

Dealer jailed after car chase in town centre

AN ILLEGAL immigrant has been jailed after a high speed chase through Dudley town centre after police caught him dealing heroin and crack cocaine.

Satnam Singh forced other motorists to swerve out of his way as he drove through two red lights during the afternoon incident.

After his arrest, he was released on bail, but was caught dealing drugs again in Dudley just two weeks later.

The 41-year-old, from Pakistan, living in Southall, London, was jailed for four years at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Miss Lynette McClement, prosecuting, said police were alerted to Singh when they saw a known drug user getting out of his car in Dudley on March 27 at about 4pm.

The police pulled their vehicle in front of Singh's car but he drove onto the footpath and headed onto Wellington Street.

Officers turned their siren on but Singh accelerated away, overtaking vehicles and going through red traffic lights at two junctions.

Singh eventually stopped in Parsons Street where he was found with £200 worth of heroin and crack cocaine, plus £350 in cash.

He was bailed for a court hearing, but two weeks later - on April 5 - was caught again in Grange Road Park, Dudley, with £120 worth of crack cocaine and heroin.

Singh pleaded guilty to four charges of possession

By Alex Ross

of a class A drug with intent to supply and one charge of dangerous driving.

Mr Rob Perry, defending, said: "It is relatively low level street dealing occurring here. Mr Singh is a user and has been for some time."

He said Singh, of Waltham Road, was now attempting to come off drugs.

Judge John Edwards sentenced Singh to four and half years in prison and disqualified him from driving for two years.

He told Singh: "You will appreciate the risks you were taking here. You were street dealing in class A drugs, it is vile and it brings about misery and despair."

"The driving was dreadful, at 4pm in the middle of Dudley, at a time when school children are about."

"Other road users swerved and braked to avoid colliding. These matters have to be met by a custodial sentence of some significance."

Group competes for £50k

A GROUP which helps ill Black Country youngsters and their families, has been shortlisted for a TV competition that could see it win £50,000.

The regional competition, run by the Big Lottery Fund will see each group showcase its work before viewers vote to choose the winners.

Murray Hall Community Trust, at Sedgley Road West, Tipton, would use the money to fund its Dream Room community hub. Another group in the running is Family Action based in Wednesbury. 'The People's Millions' will be screened from Monday to Wednesday on ITV Central.

Bruno still champion for fans



Just knockout — Frank Bruno at Wall Heath with hospice fundraiser Chris Schofield

IT is almost 20 years since he lifted boxing's heavyweight world crown but Frank Bruno is still a knockout. He had a room full of sports fans on their feet and chanting his name during a visit that helped raise more than £2,000 for Mary Steven's Hospice during a charity night at The Kingfisher Hotel and Club in Wall Heath.

The 53-year-old recalled the night of September 2 1995 when he outpointed Oliver McCall over 12 rounds to win the WBC title. "It was the moment that the dream I had

had as an eight year old came true. You do not forget moments like that," he said.

Mental illness has dogged the former world champ since he quit the ring. He added: "It is 20 years since I was last in the ring and I am still ducking and diving. I have my good days and my bad days. It is not pleasant having the police come round and losing it after your marriage breaks up."

"But you have to be positive, grit your teeth, dust yourself down and get on with it because it is a tough old world out there."

Groping cab driver admits sex assault

A TAXI driver groped a 20-year-old woman he was driving her home to Brierley Hill following a night out, a court heard.

Karnail Virk picked up his victim in the early hours of the morning and asked her to sit in the front of his cab and hold his sat nav, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. But during the journey from Walsall to Brierley Hill, the 41-year-old repeatedly tried to make physical contact.

Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting, said Virk stroked her thigh five times and told her that he wanted to take her to dinner. As she paid her fare hehugged her, tried to kiss her and groped her despite her protests. Breaking free from Virk's grip, the victim fled into her house and called police.

Ms Lynette McClement, defending, said: "He has now lost his livelihood and works for a pizza company."

"He is clearly someone who misjudges social situations."

Virk, of Bescot Crescent, Walsall, admitted sexual assault. He was given a three-year community order with supervision, ordered to complete a rehabilitation programme and placed on the sex offenders' register for five years.

Jobs rescued by Vodafone

AN EMPTY shop in Stourbridge, which was a Phones4U store, has been taken over by Vodafone.

The move saved five jobs with the staff at the shop being a mix of former Phones4U employees and newly hired staff.

The opening forms part of Vodafone's plans to invest £1 billion in 2014.

Stourbridge MP Margot James said: "We have seen lots of new business start up in Stourbridge and it is particularly good when we get a new retailer in the town, especially one as big as Vodafone."

Festive table sale

STOURTON Village Hall, near Stourbridge, hosts a 'Not Long Now' Christmas Table Top Sale with some stalls in aid of local charities.

The event is being held at the Bridgnorth Road venue on Saturday, December 6, from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

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Toy appeal bringing festive joy to families

SHOPPERS and staff at two Sainsbury's stores are being urged to donate toys to help families this Christmas.

Dudley Council's Family and Adolescent Support Team has joined forces with Sainsbury's Ambleside and Merry Hill stores to run the annual appeal.

Last year generous customers and staff donated more than 100 toys and gifts towards a Christmas party for the children and families supported by FAST. This year organisers are aiming to top that and help more families.

The family and adolescent support team is currently working with 225 families and 410 children up to the age of 16.

FAST works with children in need, families with adolescents and helps mums and dads with their parenting skills.

Councillor Tim Crumpton, cabinet member for children's services, said: "Thanks to the generosity of shoppers and the kind efforts of the staff at Sainsbury's, we were able to make sure children and young people had gifts and a Christmas party that so many others of us take for granted. I hope we are able to do the same again this year."

Bette is back after 35 years

SINGER, movie actress and Las Vegas show star Bette Midler is coming to Birmingham next year as part of her first UK tour in 35 years.

Tickets go on sale tomorrow (Friday) for multiple Grammy award winner's show at the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham (the new name for the NIA) on July 9. Prices start at £50.

The singer, whose hits include Wind Beneath My Wings and From A Distance, has a new album out called It's The Girls! which pays tribute to girl groups from the 1930s to '90s.

Tree will light up

A FUNDRAISING tradition spanning 20 years is again allowing people to remember loved in a Black Country town. The Tipton Tree of Light has been planted outside St Paul's Church in Owen Street, and people are being urged to sponsor the bulbs. Call 01902 883858.

Quest failed to be a big enough attraction



Quest centre didn't make an operating profit

MERRY Hill shopping centre bosses have spoken of their sadness at the planned closure of the Quest entertainment centre — just two years after it opened at the Brierley Hill mall.

Paragon Entertainment has announced the loss-making venture will shut in six months.

Mike Butterworth, chief operating officer of Merry Hill owner Intu, said: "We have seen Paragon Entertainment's statement about Quest serving notice on its space at Intu Merry Hill. We are sorry it's closing but respect the decision."

"We wish everyone affected all the very best for the future."

The entertainment zone, which opened in November 2012, saw the atrium at one of the centre's main entrances converted into an indoor 14-metre high wire area. But the £1.3 million children's attraction failed over the last two years to deliver the huge number of visitors that its owner had hoped for.

Paragon Entertainment, which also created attractions such as the Wallace and Gromit ride at Blackpool Pleasure Beach and the Olympic Museum in Switzerland, had initially operated an outdoor ice rink as

well. The first two months saw 15,000 people using Quest with the ice rink proving a hit but it failed to generate an operating profit, despite new attractions — including a Nerf blaster combat zone in a giant tented area and an indoor mini golf course and soft play area in the former Harry Ramsden's restaurant.

Paragon had hoped to build up a chain of Quests. Now its chief executive Mark Pyrah has announced that the company is to pull the plug in six months' time, which will affect two full-time staff supported by part-timers.

Merry Hill is declared top of the West Midlands malls

MERRY Hill shopping centre has toasted its 25th birthday with being named the best retail destination in the region.

Back in 1989 the vision of Black Country brothers Roy and Don Richardson became a reality with the completion of the shopping centre at Brierley Hill on the site of the closed Round Oak Steelworks.

The brothers spent £1 billion on the giant shopping mall and surrounding retail parks, which was also served by a monorail.

Rats a part of medieval attraction

RATS and bats and every sort of creepy-crawly will be the stars of a £250,000 new attraction at Dudley Zoo.

The interactive medieval experience featuring live animals is currently under construction in the 11th century Dudley Castle, at the heart of the zoo.

Castle Creatures, which is due to open next Easter, will tell the story of the Earl of Dudley's family, explain the history of the castle and house a series of animal exhibits.

Bosses said it will transform the zoo's interpretation centre which has not been updated since it was built 20 years ago.

Dudley Zoo Group chief executive Peter Suddock said: "Staff have worked alongside designers to create an authentic experience for visitors."

"The lay-out includes a unique interactive screen whereby visitors can create their own animals from a gene pool, plus a huge board game telling the story of thriving animals and those facing extinction in the modern world."

The centre has since attracted big name retailers such as Marks & Spencer, Debenhams, Sainsbury's and Asda, as well as achieving many notable firsts such as the country's first drive-thru McDonalds.

On its quarter of a century anniversary, the centre proved its strength, by pipping it's big West Midlands rival the Bullring to be ranked the best shopping centre in the West Midlands, in the report by Trevor Wood Associates.

Build

The report ranks the centres on their appeal to shoppers, retailers and investors. Nationally, Merry Hill came ninth, the Bullring came 12th and Touchwood in Solihull was 41st.

Earlier this year Intu properties bought the centre from former owners Westfield.

Merry Hill's acting general manager Gavin Prior, said: "Intu have only recently taken over and to have this high ranking shows the clear strength and potential of the centre. We will look to build on this success."

Mr Prior added: "We are evaluating lots of options for new leisure attractions but it is too early for us to unveil anything yet."

Dress up as Santa for hospital charity



Maternity ward clerk Emma Hancock gets set for a day in her Santa suit with fundraising manager Karen Phillips

A CHARITY based at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley is challenging people to combine festive fun with fundraising to help raise money for a good cause.

The fundraising campaign by Dudley Group NHS Charity hopes to raise money for the maternity department at the hospital.

Those who take part will be asked to dress up as Santa and collect sponsorship for Santa Day on Friday, December 5.

Karen Phillips, Fundraising Manager, says: "Last year numerous members of hospital staff dressed up as Santa and it proved so popular that this year we are hoping to encourage local businesses and community groups to take part."

Register

"All the money raised will go to the Make our Patients Smile Appeal which helps to improve our patients experience while they are being treated by

us. It costs just £10 per adult to register," she added.

"You will then receive your free Santa suit and a fundraising pack."

"There is no minimum sponsorship just raise what you can"

More information about the campaign can be found on Twitter on the #DudleySantas hashtag or by calling Karen on 01384 456111 ext 4449. To find out more see dudleygroup.nhs.uk/our-charity/upcoming-events-and-campaigns

History talks on hall, glass and war

THE glass industry and Himley Hall are among subjects of this month's local history talks.

Dr Kate Round will explore glass production in Stourbridge with a talk at Halesowen Library on Wednesday. On the same day Alan Peace will bring to life the stories behind Himley Hall at Dudley Library. The final talk of the month will look at the role of the Black Country in the First World War by Michael Pearson at Stourbridge Library on Friday, November 28.

All talks at 2.30pm. Tickets £3 with refreshments.

Council seeks a tea room partner

ENTREPRENEURS are being offered the chance to take over tea rooms at a Stourbridge park.

Work which will transform a room at Mary Stevens Park will start in spring. People with catering experience are invited to apply for the lease. The tearooms will open as part of a £2.6 million revamp of the site paid for by a Heritage Lottery Fund grant.

Applications must be submitted by December 5, visit www.dudley.gov.uk/business

Laughter as yoga gets the giggles

PEOPLE can take part in laughter yoga sessions near Stourbridge.

Maggie Thompson is leading sessions which use a combination of deep breathing exercises and laughter.

The next session will be held on December 8 from 7pm to 8pm at Wordsley Community Centre.

For details, call Maggie on 07565 218567 or visit www.merriemaggie.co.uk

Traffic warning as pipes work begins

A £1 million scheme to repair and replace ageing water pipes in a village near Stourbridge is under way as officials aim to stop leaks.

Motorists are being advised of potential disruption by utilities company Severn Trent Water as the project gets under way around Bebbington and continues until May.

Children's service

A CHURCH service for children will take place in Lower Gornal on Saturday.

The Black Country Mission is holding the service at The Straits Community Church, in The Straits, at 7pm. All are welcome.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews



TWENTY-FIVE years ago this month, the final phase of the Merry Hill centre opened, an occasion which has surely transformed the shopping habits of the West Midlands in a way that could never have been envisaged at the outset.

Almost instantly, Marks & Spencer closed its branches in both Dudley and West Bromwich, lured by the free rates and easy parking of the new out-of-town centre.

Initial reports suggested a 70 per cent fall in the number of people shopping in Dudley town centre, and slowly, but surely, it has also affected town and city centres further afield.

A quarter of a century on, its legacy is still a matter for debate.

Some people love the warm, all-weather malls, others hate the devastating impact it has had on town centres which have been there for hundreds of years.

The majority, though, I suspect, do not feel that strongly one way or the other. They simply take the view that if that is where Marks & Spencer, British Home Stores or Sainsbury's is, that's where they will go.

According to Dudley Council leader, Councillor David Sparks, "Merry Hill enabled Dudley to look Birmingham in the eye," and on that point I really have to disagree.

Dudley cannot, and never has been able to look Birmingham in the eye, certainly not within living memory, and realistically, it is not going to any time soon.

However, Merry Hill is probably the reason why Dudley can no longer look Wolverhampton or Walsall in the eye, either.

And for that I will always be very sad.

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WEST Midland clergyman the Rev Alan Fraser, who drives a petrol-electric hybrid vehicle which is exempt from road tax, observes that he still has to go on to the DVLA website to not pay the road tax he does not owe.

He adds: "There is a range of (non) payment options, although I apparently will be charged £22.50 if I decide to not pay by credit card."

"So, if I have understood this, I am to not pay for a tax disc that I now won't get sent."

And if he does not comply, presumably he will be sent a final demand to not pay his road tax.

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AYLI visits Aynuk in hospital, and is concerned with his friend's state of despondency about his condition.

"Chayer up, aer kid, yo' do' cum 'ere to die," says Ayli.

Aynuk replies: "Yo' ay' rung, aer kid, I day cum in 'ere to die. I cum in six wik agoo."



An artist's impression of the planned mosque on land of Hall Street including 52ft high dome and 62ft minaret — the existing mosque on Castle Hill is now too small

The saga of town's mosque heats up

Muslim community leaders have won permission but will their mosque be built?
PETER MADELEY reports

IT is a controversial long-running project that has provoked heated debate and divided communities.

Now, after a seven-year stand-off, planning chiefs at Dudley Council have given Dudley Muslim Association the green light to develop land off Hall Street to build a large mosque just outside Dudley town centre.

In the wake of the planning committee voting in favour of the scheme, a call has been made to also re-build community relationships in the town.

Dr Khurshid Ahmed, director at Dudley Muslim Association, which put forward the plans, said it was now time to heal wounds that had opened up in the town as a result of the mosque debate.

Benefit

He said: "Sadly relationships within the town have been messed up and it is about time we all started to rebuild."

The development will see a 52ft-high mosque with a 62ft minaret and also includes a 120-space two-storey car park, a sports centre, an enterprise and education centre and a community centre.

The Dudley Muslim Association says the project will be a boost for the whole town with non-Muslims able to benefit from the new education and sports facilities too.

But the decision to give the proposal the green light has resulted in an angry response from large sections of the community, with concerns raised over the lack of parking, increased traffic congestion and the design of the buildings.

One of those who objected was Archie Pugh, aged 80, from Dudley. He said the design of the mosque would not fit in with the town's architecture and the increased traffic would cause gridlock around the site.

"The application did not comply with guidelines that stipulate the need for a locally sensitive design," he said. "In my view the whole thing looks grotesque.



The site earmarked for the new mosque and community centre complex in Dudley

They are saying up to 600 people could attend the mosque at any one time which to me means the resulting traffic congestion will be catastrophic.

"It is absolutely disgraceful that it has passed."

Councillor Keiran Casey, vice-chairman of Dudley Council's Development Control Committee, opposed the plans.

He said: "This has been very badly handled from the start. The vast majority of people have no problem with any community having a place of worship. My issue is that the site has the potential to set up the town. It is crying out for redevelopment that could support people in terms of industry and employment."

Others have questioned whether the facilities at the centre will be available for all members of the community.

Dozens of protesters were locked out of last week's meeting as all spaces in the public gallery were filled. Darren

total of 370 letters of support and a petition for the application with 1,718 signatures were sent to the council, while 885 letters were sent in opposing the project.

Councillor Qadar Zada, chairman of the development control committee, said he was satisfied the facilities would benefit the whole community.

However, the plans for the land, which used to be the Nuttall factory and warehouse, could still be halted by a High Court hearing early next year over whether the land should revert to council ownership.

A judge previously ruled the council could reclaim the land but the association has lodged an appeal over the decision.

Building work is on hold as leaders urge council bosses to negotiate a conclusion in the wake of plans being given the go-ahead.

Planning committee members voted five to three in favour of the proposals. But Dudley Council is bidding to buy back the land through the High Court — a move Dudley Muslim Association is appealing against.

Dudley Muslim Association director Dr Khurshid Ahmed said he was 'delighted' the planning application had finally been approved but stressed the High Court appeal needed now be resolved. He is now urging council bosses to 'reflect' and hold talks.

Dr Ahmed said building work would be on hold until the resolution of the High Court case due early next year.

"We hope that the council will now reflect on its position in light of the planning committee's decision and try to reach an amicable agreement so that we can put this whole saga to bed," he said.

"While the court case is happening, no work can take place. We would like to be able to negotiate. The ball is in their court."

Councillor Patrick Harley, leader of Dudley Council's opposition Conservative group, said the authority was wrong to give Dudley Muslim Association permission to build on land 'they technically do not own'.

He said: "Whatever the rights and wrongs over the mosque issue it seems bizarre the council hadn't argued for the legal action to be concluded prior to this coming before planning. The council could be left with a huge legal bill to foot because of this."

WEEK IN POLITICS
with Daniel Wainwright



WE need to talk about Europe. I say that knowing full well that for people who follow politics at the moment it seems as though we talk about little else.

But the farcical scenes in the Commons over the European Arrest Warrant show how toxic it is proving to be to the Tories.

Not that we need much more proof of that, of course. The by-election won by a Tory MP-turned-UKIPper and coupled with the likelihood of a repeat in Rochester should have made it abundantly clear by now.

MPs turned up to vote thinking they were going to get a say on the European Arrest Warrant itself. Instead the motion put before them was for just 11 of 35 measures that the coalition government wanted to opt into and the warrant was not one.

The Conservatives would not have wanted to face another rebellion by Eurosceptic backbenchers. But after all these years it should have been abundantly clear to the whips that anything with the word 'Europe' in it is not going to go down well with the likes of Stone's Sir Bill Cash or Aldridge-Brownhills MP Sir Richard Shepherd.

The latter, retiring at the election, made his feelings abundantly clear: "At the heart of this is a misconception about what this House represents... my over long time in this House of Commons has led me to understand the growth of executive arrogance is unsupportable."

Even reading the words one can hear the weariness in his voice. Sir Richard has been an MP since 1979. He's been rebelling on Europe since Maastricht.

Labour's shadow Europe minister is Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden. He pointed out that there was actually more than enough support from the majority of the Tories, Liberal Democrats and Labour to vote the warrant through. Now Labour has decided to debate and vote on it as part of an Opposition Day on the eve of the Rochester by-election.

As far as Mr McFadden and Labour are concerned, as well as the Tories in favour of it, it is a means by which this country has managed to deport 1,000 foreign criminals in a single year and resulted in the successful return of people wanted by our own authorities. One of those was Hussain Osman, part of a botched attempt to bomb London in 2005. It also brought back Jeremy Forrest, a teacher who fled to France with a pupil.

The arguments against include concerns over the ability of other EU member states to demand the extradition of British citizens without sufficient evidence.

There are various legal experts, civil liberties groups and others now turning it into a political football. Maybe we should have been worried about it, maybe not. But if they won't even debate it, the Government can't blame people for drawing their own conclusions.

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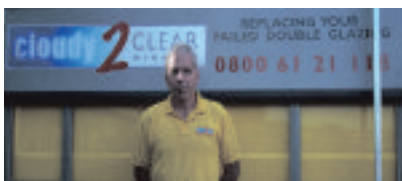
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Tourism is the answer for town centre

CONCERNING the report about Dudley being in a list of the worse towns to shop. Everyone blames the Merry Hill Centre for Dudley's downfall, and it had an effect, but the town's councillors have failed it as the shops' rents and rates are too expensive. Judy Foster, councillor in charge of regeneration, said there is nothing wrong with the town. Well, maybe at lunchtime as there are food outlets. But you cannot purchase a book since WH Smith closed. The market is behind schedule and most of the stalls empty.

Old drivers get taken for a ride?

I AM a 77-year-old driver with an unblemished driving record. Before retirement I was a qualified driving instructor having passed two advanced driving tests.

In 2013 I attended a voluntary driving course for older drivers at Oldbury council house, run by Dudley road safety department. During this course we were given the national collision statistics which show that accidents for older drivers in their 70s are at a lower rate than any other group.

With this in mind, why are older drivers charged extortionate prices for car insurance? A member of my family insures a 2 litre engine car for a third of the price that I am quoted for a smaller car. This is with the same company.

I contacted Aged UK who tell me that a cartel is in place which allows insurers to charge older drivers higher premiums. Is this age discrimination? If so, the law says that you can't discriminate on age.

BRYAN HARRIS
Oldbury

Dudley town does have a zoo, a castle and the Black Country Living Museum. The councillors should take this into account. Advertise these more and it could encourage traders (particularly big stores) back into Dudley. It could be a very good tourist town but the councillors are more interested in wasting money on re-doing Coronation Gardens, which is very nice already. They need to stop wasting money. Plan the town properly.

J HADLEY
Dudley

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Hippodrome issue needs intervention

I'VE been impressed by the efforts of Jonathan Kendrick and by the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome but I can't help wondering why the onus has been placed entirely on them.

Hasn't anyone on the council got any ideas about how to rescue this languishing icon and turn it back into a going concern? Where's the council's 'business plan'? Why's it all down to an entrepreneur and a community group to come up with a viable package of measures?

The council may be holding back its application to demolish the building, but its leaders could well intend to reduce it to a pile of rubble unless either of the other two parties can give them a very good reason not to.

Councils have a depressing tendency to reach for the wrecking ball when confronted with tricky problems that require creative solutions.

In the case of the Hippodrome, I hope that ultimately the people at the top of Dudley Council can resist this crude impulse.

I don't doubt it would be the easier option but it would mean throwing a once brilliant local asset down the drain. The attitude of our councils towards places of cultural importance when they've fallen on hard times is often crucial to their survival. A decision by Wolverhampton Council to save the Molineux Hotel entirely changed its fortunes.

R WARRINGTON
Tipton

Motorist is frustrated

ARE there any motorists as frustrated and angry as I am at the work going on in Stallings Lane?

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Did anyone check the level of traffic on this road on a normal day before plans were passed for Lidl to be built?

Lord help us when the store opens.

I wonder how long it will be before there is an accident?

S BROUGH
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Songs just not praise worthy

THERE is nothing which gives me more pleasure than hearing a good hymn, which makes Songs of Praise one of my favourite programmes.

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Son is told to pay doctor who killed his father

A SON has been ordered to pay thousands of pounds in legal fees after he was sued by the foreign doctor who killed his father.

David Gray died from a massive drug overdose administered by Daniel Ubani on his first shift after flying to the UK from Germany to work as a locum doctor.

Although Ubani was struck off the medical register in the UK, he continues to practise in Germany.

In their campaign for justice, Mr Gray's two sons, Rory and Stuart — a GP in Cradley Heath — confronted Ubani at a medical conference in 2010 accusing him of being 'a charlatan', 'a killer' and an 'animal'.

Rory Gray, aged 49, was sued in a German court by Dr Ubani for the remarks he made at the conference.

Intimidate

Now, a court in Lindau, Germany, has ruled that Mr Gray must pay three quarters of the legal costs, running into thousands of pounds. He must also write Dr Ubani a letter promising never to call him an 'animal' again, and has also been warned he could face a £200,000 fine if he repeats the insult.

Mr Gray said: "It is grotesque. Dr Ubani has never shown any remorse and has tried to intimidate us through the courts."

Dr Ubani was charged with death by negligence at a court in Witten and given a nine-month suspended sentence and ordered to pay 5,000 euros (£4,100) costs but has since continued to practise.

Mr Gray, a scientist who lives in Germany, said he was taking legal advice over the letter and could not comment further on the court action.

Dr Ubani has refused to return to the UK, where he has been struck off the medical register by the General



Stuart, left, and Rory Gray, at an inquest held into their father's death



Dr Daniel Ubani continues to work in Germany Fatal dose — David Gray

Medical Council. An inquest found grandfather-of-four David Gray, 70, was unlawfully killed in 2008 after Dr Ubani, working on his first shift in the UK as an out-of-hours locum, fatally administered 10 times the normal dose of diamorphine.

Dr Ubani, a 67-year-old Nigerian-born German citizen, was working for SuffDoc, part of the out-of-hours

GP service provider Take Care Now, at the time of Mr Gray's death.

Mr Gray and his brother Stuart, who works at Church View surgery in Halesowen Road, have claimed the German authorities failed to carry out an effective investigation into his death. They complained to the European Court of Human Rights but it found no violation of human rights.

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Toy appeal is judged to have the X Factor



Simon Cowell lookalike Andy Monk with Matt Cook as Santa and Brett Harris, owner of Blaze Hairdressers

A CHRISTMAS fundraising appeal has been launched – and it has been judged to have the X Factor by Simon Cowell look-a-like Andy Monk.

The copycat Cowell gave a resounding ‘yes’ to Dudley Council for Voluntary Service’s Operation Santa scheme which provides toys to children living in poverty in the borough.

Last year Brett Harris, owner of Blaze Hairdressers in Kingswinford, collected and donated more than 2,000 toys, games, books and selection boxes towards the appeal.

Andy said: “Brett has been a fantastic supporter of the Operation Santa appeal for several years and each year he surpasses himself with both the number and quality of the toys and games he collects and donates.

“They make a huge difference to thousands of under-privileged kids in Dudley borough.”

The appeal has now run for more than 20 years and in 2013 a record-breaking 5430 children received a gift.

To offer a donation call (01384) 573381.

Network is not social for church campaign

CAMPAIGNERS hoping to raise thousands of pounds to restore a Dudley church have been hit with a setback after finding their popular Facebook page has been deleted.

The group, which has had a very active online presence since 2006, sent an email to its 2,000-plus supporters informing them that the social media giant, based in California, had deleted their account. The campaign group said that due to the deletion over five years’ worth of contacts, messages and pictures had been lost.

By Charlie Benton

Access

The group had two pages, a standard Facebook account, usually used by a single person, with 2,056 ‘friends’, and a group, Save St John’s Church, Kates Hill, Dudley, with 1,566 members.

Facebook refused the group access to their account, stating that it needed to be changed. Facebook then removed the original page and the administration privileges from the secondary group, meaning the campaigners are now no longer able to moderate it, which means they have abandoned it.

“The original reason for setting a group as an additional Facebook presence was the instant messaging facility, which was fantastically useful, and the discussion boards, which meant we could leave information, and ask for opinions from members.”

The campaign team set up a new page earlier this month, although Mrs Brownlee said Facebook will no longer be their main platform.



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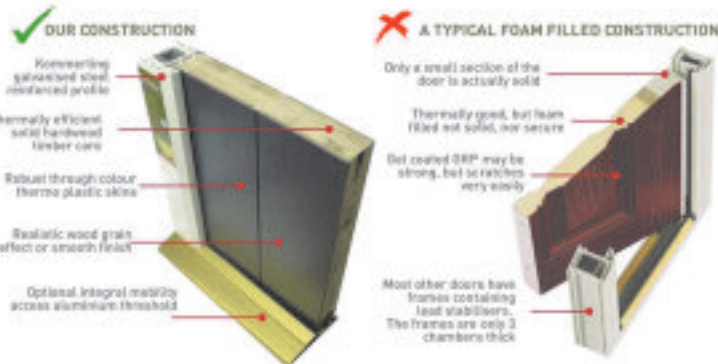
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THE WAY I SEE IT

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'I am delighted that you will get a vote, not only in May, but in first choosing the Conservative candidate who will replace me'

The four finalists are:
 Sibby Buckle — Mother of two daughters and married to Martin, Sibby (Sharon Isobel) Buckle has lived and worked in the Midlands for over 20 years. A community pharmacist with senior board level experience in a large international corporate, and running her successful consultancy business, she has been a board member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society since 2012.

Involved with three charities, she has been a school governor, parish councillor, and parent volunteer. Having fought three European elections, and a general election, she is looking forward to fighting for another Con-

servative victory in Dudley South.

Helen Harrison — Helen is a Midlands girl from a modest background. She went to a failing school, worked hard to make something of herself and now runs her own medical practice. She's married to Mick, a builder, and they have two teenage children. She is proud to have worked on the frontline in the NHS and to have continued her involvement as a governor at her local hospital.

She has run her own successful business for the last 10 years. She entered politics because she cares about people and wants to make sure there are great opportunities for all.

Greg Smith — Greg was born and brought up in the West Midlands. Dudley runs in his blood, his father is a former Chief Inspector of Police here and his grandfather a sheet metal worker in Netherton.

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Mike Wood — He has lived in Dudley Borough for 37 years, grew up here and went to local schools. Mike works in Halesowen and lives in Stourbridge with his wife and their two children, who also go to a local school.

He is a local councillor and volunteers as a governor at a special school.

Mike has earned a reputation as somebody who takes practical action to make a positive difference for local people. He has led community litter picks and helped organise local job and apprenticeship fairs.

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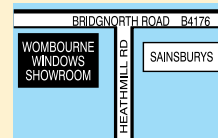
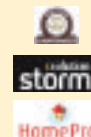
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The 14 winners, announced at The Light House Media Centre in Wolverhampton, were picked from a shortlist of 39 athletes, coaches and sports clubs drawn from over 100 nominations.

Organised by the Black Country BeActive, this year's event was supported by the Express & Star, the University of Wolverhampton, Radio WM and Wolves Community Trust.

Andy Webb, BeActive Black Coun-

try partnership director, said: "We all know the Black Country has a proud sporting heritage, with many world and Olympic medallists coming from the area.

"Many of these people, such as Denise Lewis or even Kristian Thomas, started out in clubs around here that have been recognised all over the world as great sporting institutions.

"We will never forget our heritage but now we are seeing the start of a new era we can all be tremendously proud of. We are now not just producing world-class athletes but world-leading athletes, who are setting the targets for others to catch up with. If the Black Country actually was a country it would have finished eighth in this year's Commonwealth Games, which shows the wealth of talent we have."



Award winner Kristian Thomas with University of Wolverhampton Deputy Vice-Chancellor Ian Oakes

Move to demolish Helix factory building

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The seven-acre site has since been marketed by Wolverhampton-based Bulleys, priced at £3.4 million.

Memories

Last week a planning application was submitted to Dudley Council to knock down the factory building.

Lye ward Councillor Mohammed Hanif, who worked at the factory for 24 years, said: "I feel sad to hear it is being knocked down because it is a place where many people worked and will have fond memories of.

"But equally I hope someone comes in and redevelops the site."

He added that he hoped a retail complex would be built on the site, bringing employment for the area.

Shoplifter funding an addiction to gambling

A PROLIFIC shoplifter with a 'dreadful' record stole £4,500 worth of tools and electronics from stores across the country to fund his gambling addiction.

Kristofer Davies, from Bilston, has been put behind bars for a year for the crime spree following his 17th appearance in court for theft and dishonesty.

He was caught with accomplice Robert Morris, also from Bilston, whilst their theft of nine Makita tools worth more than £1,000 from Wickes in Gloucester was thwarted by police stopping them as they made their getaway on the M5.

Davies and his gang tried to disable CCTV and alarm systems during the raids.

Fence

He pleaded guilty to stealing 17 Makita power tools worth a total of £3,216 from Wickes in Winsford, Cheshire, in January, as well as a £300 camera from Staples in Banbury in February and just over £1,000 worth of tools from Wickes, Gloucester, in March.

Davies, aged 27 of Slim Avenue, had also been committed for sentence by Wolverhampton Magistrates Court for a further theft of tools, committed while on bail, at Travis Perkins in Dudley on July 16.

Prosecutor Edward Hetherington said a silver BMW was used in the Cheshire, Banbury and Gloucester thefts.

After the final raid, police soon picked Davies and Morris up in the BMW on the M5 northbound, with the loot found in the car.

By Tim Spiers

Makkan Singh Shoker, for Davies, said he committed the offences after developing a gambling addiction following the break up of a six-year relationship with the mother of his daughter.

Mr Shoker disputed that the thefts were professional, saying Davies had been caught on CCTV at all the shops and left his DNA and fingerprints at one of them.

Davies now had a new relationship and had curbed his gambling, he said.

Judge William Hart told Davies: "This was professional offending, targeting high value goods, amounting in value overall to £4,500 and you are a man with a dreadful record."

Morris, aged 52, of Selwyn Road, Bilston, who admitted the Gloucester offence and had 32 previous convictions, was sentenced to a 12-month community order with a requirement to do 180 hours of unpaid work.

Judge Hart told him he was treating him leniently because he had been out of trouble for the last six years and he had played only a secondary role.

Work to start on schools reception

WORK is due to start within weeks on a new reception building for school parties at Black Country Living Museum. Given the go-ahead by planners last week, the building will be near the new Dudley Archives and has been designed in the style of an industrial workshop.

As well as a reception area it will include toilets, a lecture theatre and a covered canopy.

Last year the museum received around 500 schoolchildren per day during peak times, which caused problems with overcrowding at the main entrance.

Museum chief executive and director Andrew Lovett said the new facility would take pressure off the museum's main visitor entrance and enable the venue to boost visitor numbers.

He said: "We are delighted with the news. This will allow us to welcome the 60,000 school children that visit the museum each year, in a much better and efficient way."

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Investment in training is key

A BUSINESS leader in the Black Country says businesses need to invest in training to move forward.

The latest Workforce Survey results, published by the British Chambers of Commerce, highlight that 92 per cent of businesses across the country have identified a skills shortage in at least one key area.

Skills are in demand for leadership and management, planning and organisation, languages, computer literacy and creativity.

Responding to the survey results, Black Country Chamber of Commerce President, Ninder Johal, said: "Businesses recognise that investing in training can drive higher productivity and increased profits. However, the findings make it clear that investment in leadership and management skills are crucial to enhance strategic thinking, foster innovation and motivate employees. This is an area where the Black Country Chamber of Commerce is at the forefront."

Star support right on cue for snooker club



John Virgo and Jimmy White at the charity night at Snooks

SNOOKER legends Jimmy White and John Virgo set the green baize ablaze with their skills when they visited an Halesowen club.

The celebrities accepted an invitation to demonstrate their skill at Snooks snooker hall and local players were 'cueing up' to take them on. Around 125 fans turned up to watch local players challenge the pair.

Club owner Mike Rizzo said: "It was an absolutely fantastic evening and both players stopped to have a few drinks with people afterwards." The charity event on Saturday is expected to raise hundreds of pounds to help fight multiple sclerosis.

The fundraiser was one of three similar events held at Snooks. Among celebrity players to have appeared at the Long Lane club are Dennis Taylor, Steve Davis, John Parrott, Tony Drago and current world champion Neil Robertson.

White became a fans' favourite in the 1980s and 90s when six-times world champion. Virgo was famous for his trick shots, comments on snooker for the BBC.

Toxic gas cannisters found on bridle path

GAS cylinders have been found dumped on a bridle path. Environment officers found the cylinders along a path off the Bridgnorth Road in Wombourne.

Of the 56 cylinders found, three were full of a toxic gas called chlorodifluoromethane, normally used in refrigeration. Damaged valves on all three cylinders prompting fears they could have leaked the gas into the atmosphere.

Inhaling chlorodifluoromethane can irritate the nose, throat and lungs, causing tightness in the chest and difficulty with breathing.

The three cylinders containing the gas were removed from the scene immediately by officials who took them to a safe storage area.

Environmental officers from South Staffordshire Council are appealing for information on where the cylinders may have come from. Call 01902 696200.

OWzat? Ex-bank chief Mervyn is now president of cricket club

FORMER Governor of the Bank of England and ex-Wolverhampton school-boy Mervyn King has been appointed the president of Worcestershire County Cricket Club.

Lord King, a former pupil of Wolverhampton Grammar School, will be president for the club's 150th anniversary celebrations next year.

The son of a Gornal headmaster, Lord King grew up in Canterbury Road, Penn, and is a lifelong fan of the

club. Outgoing president John Elliott, praised the appointment as "a wonderful decision and a great name to be associated with the cricket club."

Lord King's support for the Pears goes back to their first County Championship title triumph in 1964.

He said he was keen to play an active role in Worcestershire's landmark year, and predicted exciting times ahead with the major redevelopment of New Road in the past decade and the young, talented squad which has earned promotion to Division One in the Championship.

Former Worcestershire wicket-keeper Elliott, who also spent

eight years as club chairman, added: "He is a very passionate supporter of Worcestershire. He will be around on the cricket circuit as well and is going to help with our fund-raising for the 150th anniversary year."

"It's a great name to have associated with the club."

Lord King said, who is also an avid Aston Villa supporter, said the appointment was a great honour.

"My youth was spent at New Road watching the first Worcestershire side win the county championship 50 years ago. With the 150th anniversary next year, there is much to celebrate in our history. The future is even brighter."



Appointed — Mervyn King

Albion medal beats estimate

AN FA Cup winner's medal belonging to a member of the victorious Albion side of 1968 exceeded expectations when it sold for £13,000 at auction.

The nine carat gold medal went under the hammer for £5,000 more than the estimate. It had been the property of centre half John Talbut who was in the starting XI for the match remembered for Jeff Astle's extra time winner.

The centre half joined West Bromwich Albion from Burnley in December 1966, for £30,000. He went on to play 144 league matches for the Baggies, during which time the club appeared in four League Cup finals. Mr Talbut ended his career in Belgium playing for KV Mechelen, who he later managed.

Graham Budd Auctions in London confirmed that 74-year-old Mr Talbut's medal had gone to a private collector.

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Third meet under belt for the WI

Bewdley WI

ON October 13 the second meeting was held and more than 60 women attended but at least half of them had not attended the first meeting.

The intent for this meeting was to get the structure in place and find a name for the WI.

After a vote Bewdley WI gained the most so Bewdley it is.

After the business had been carried out the potential members were offered a selection of craft activities to try while they enjoyed tea, coffee and cakes.

There was silk scarf painting, an easy starter suitable for the Christmas meal, decorating a serviette for Christmas, and felt finger puppets.

The meeting closed having put in place a small starter committee to get the proceedings under way. Brenda Wright and Cheryl Hutton will share the role of President and Sue Humphries will put together a programme for the first few months of 2015.

The third meeting was held on November 3. The meeting began with a welcome letter from the National Federation Chairman, Janice Langley which was read out by Brenda and Cheryl. The speaker for the meeting was Diana Campbell who has had an incredibly interesting career in television.

There are now 28 paid up members who are planning their Christmas meeting on December 1. To take part call 01905 641658 or email fiona@wfiwi.org.uk.

Members enjoy the Harvest luncheon

Getting ready to enjoy festivities

Kingswinford TG

THE Guild met on November 10 in the Community Centre, High Street.

Following the usual business of the minutes a lively discussion followed on the reason for affiliation fees to be raised. It was agreed our comments should be forwarded to the Federation Committee.

The date and time of the Federation Carol Service/Celebration was announced again and members were urged to attend as it gives the festivities such a good start. It is open to non-members.

Final arrangements were made for the Christmas luncheon at the Lodge, those requiring a lift were asked to make this known.

A request was made for a volunteer to take Sylvia Taylor's place on the centre's management committee as Sylvia had other commitments. Barbara White came forward.

On November 28 The Wednesday Club will go shopping at Touchwood. The December meeting will be a Knit & Natter session with cheese and wine.

The Scrabble group will meet on November 27 and December 11.

The rambblers will not ramble in December. John Moberly came to complete his Talk Do You Remember the 1940s? The evening was very much enjoyed and he was thanked on our behalf by Chris Moy. Josie Smith was thanked for the floral arrangement of poppies.

Enid Fennell won the raffle prize.

West Midlands Federation

WEST Midlands Federation hosted a Harvest luncheon for all guild members on Wednesday October 8 at Wollaston Village Hall.

The meal was prepared and served by federation committee members.

Chairman Margaret Tew opened proceedings by welcoming the guests.

Following a very enjoyable meal the Chairman introduced the entertainment for the afternoon. Pete Dunn, Marylyn and Brian, aka The Jazzytars performed songs to suit all tastes. Chairman Margaret Tew gave a vote of thanks to the group.

The raffle was then drawn and six lucky members won prizes.

Hospitality secretary Betty Davis gave a vote of thanks to the federation committee for all their hard work and for helping to make the Occasion a huge success.

The final event of 2014 will be the Christmas celebration in St Thomas' Church, Stourbridge on December 13. Programmes are now available at the Church.

Sign of a good talk on pubs

Black Country Society K-ford Branch

THE October meeting was held in St Mary's Church Hall, Kingswinford, when the speaker was Anthony Collis with his talk about Pub signs of the Black Country.

His talk with feedback was much enjoyed by members and friends.

The Christmas meeting will be on the second Wednesday of the month, not the third. The date therefore is December 10 when entertainment will take place. Wine and mince

pies will be served at the end.

Talks are open to members, friends and non-members with a small charge to cover expenses of £1 and £1.50 respectively.

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Trefoil Guide Margaret Jackson, 82, shares her memories



60 years ago — The Netherton group pictured in the 1950s



A photograph from the Netherton group's early days



Netherton Brownies past and present get together for the 90th anniversary reunion party

Fond memories for Brownies and Guides

CAMPING, crafts and cooking are among the fun activities celebrated by a Guides and Brownies group as members past and present mark its 90th anniversary.

Grandmothers, mothers and daughters were among those who gathered at a party in honour of the 1st Netherton Guides and Brownies, which has a long tradition of family membership.

The pack was registered in 1924 although the current leaders say that it was probably running for some time before official records were set up by the organisation.

For some 60 years it had close links with St Andrew's Church and met in a building known as Church House, in Hill Street. Meetings were held on Thursday evenings until the 1980s when the sessions relocated the group's current home in the scouts' hut off Cradley Road.

Brown Owl and Guide Captain Rachel Piper says: "We were invited by the 1st Netherton Scouts to join them

MEMORY LANE

By Deborah Hardiman

in their premises. We held the party and reunion because we wanted to do something to celebrate the brownies being here continuously for 90 years. That is a great achievement and milestone.

"We sent out invitations to past and present members of the guides and brownies and the leaders. Lots of people who were members down the years came to join us, which has been wonderful. Some of them are well into their 80s but they wouldn't have missed it for the world.

"They were reminiscing and telling stories about their camping trips. It was nice for them to remember and it was nice for them to meet the brownies who are with us now."

There are currently 24 brownies who meet on Wednesdays and a group of 20 girl guides.

Activities at the reunion included display boards of memorabilia, including badges, blankets and old photo-

graphs of outdoor adventures, parades and meetings held over the decades.

Among the gems is a picture of the group camping at Astley Burf, Stourport, in 1925. Some are taken in the 1930s featuring the girls meeting the Queen's Uncle the Duke of Windsor, who was King Edward VIII for just under a year before he abdicated the throne to marry Wallis Simpson.

Also on display were photographs from the 1950s when former Guide Leader Olywyn Grainger was in charge. She ran the unit until 2000 when Mrs Piper, aged 43, took over the reins. Mrs Grainger, now 73, was among the guests at the celebration.

Former members recalled taking part in the traditional challenges, such as outdoor camping and singing 'Magic Coins'. "The previous members used to sing it," said Mrs Piper. "They still all remember the words."

"Brownies has always been a popular activity for young girls and even today parents still put their children's names down on our list from as young as aged two to secure a place in the group."



Margaret Barford with daughters Rachel and Angela



A picture of Netherton Brownies in the 1980s from the group's 90th year anniversary exhibition

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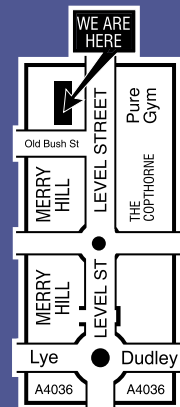
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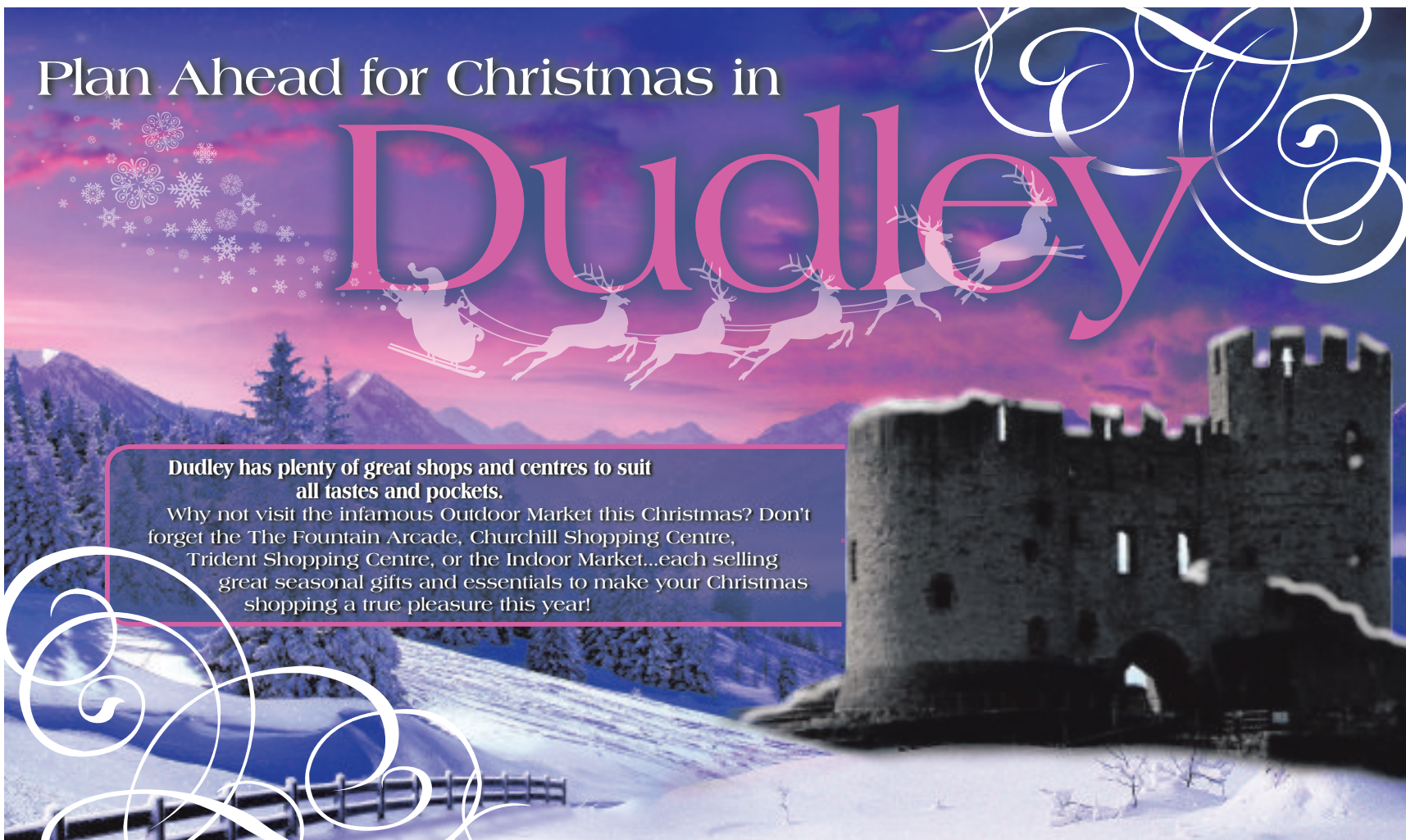
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Bright start to Dudley's festive fun



Adrian Butcher in a festive mood at Dudley with Steve Harbach of Black Country Live Steamers

COMMERCIAL FEATURE

FESTIVE fun will take centre stage in Dudley when the town hosts its Christmas lights switch-on this Saturday.

The family event will start at noon in Stone Street Square and the Churchill Shopping Centre with live entertainment, free fun-fair rides, vintage steam engines, children's mascots and, of course, Father Christmas.

Crazy dance act Granny Turismo will zip about the town on their shopping trolleys to entertain the crowds ahead of the big count down.

Culture boss Councillor Hilary Bills said: "I hope traders, shoppers and families will turn out, get into the seasonal spirit and enjoy the town's annual countdown to Christmas."

Dudley's Mayor, Councillor Margaret Aston with Father Christmas will start the official countdown to switch the lights on at 5pm. The town Christmas tree in Stone Street Square, which has

been sponsored by Castle Cars in Dudley, will be the centre piece.

Halesowen become the first town in the borough to celebrate with a lights show and family fun-fair last weekend.

Fairground rides and games were laid on before the Deputy Mayor of Dudley Councillor Steve Waltho led other dignitaries to push the button.

Members of Halesowen Chamber of Commerce helped organise the event alongside Dudley Council and Halesowen and Rowley Regis Rotary Club. Traders clubbed together to buy new digital lights for a revamped display in the town.

Festive lights will be switched on in Stourbridge on November 29 and Brierley Hill on December 6.

Stourbridge is set to sparkle when the town holds its annual Christmas festival with a host of festive fun planned in the town centre on Saturday, November 29, from noon.

A craft market, vintage steam engines, food festival and free fun-



Let it snow — Halesowen launched festive fun in the borough

fair rides are lined up as well as entertainment in Crown Square and Fountain Square. Lights are switched on around 5pm.

Fun is guaranteed when Brierley Hill counts down to Christmas. A host entertainment is planned around the town on Saturday, December 6, from 10am until 5pm.

At St Michael's Church families can enjoy a Christmas tree festival between 11am and 2pm. There is a Christmas panto trail in Brierley Hill High Street from 10am to 3.30pm and visitors can make their own Christmas cards at Brierley Hill Library from 9am-5pm. Don-

keys, a nativity scene, steam engines and funfair rides are lined up in Pearson Street, the market, the Asda store, the Moor Centre and Polly's Tea Room. The town's lights will be switched on at 5pm at the Moor Centre.

A village is looking forward to its first Christmas lights switch-on thanks to a new community group.

Wall Heath Village People was formed three months ago by residents and businesses and hold its first major event — 'Light up Wall Heath' — on Sunday, November 30, from 3pm at the Horse and Jockey pub.

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The restaurant recently completed its first year's full trading and the occasion was marked by a visit from the Mayor and free food and drink was the order of the day, along with a celebration cake.

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BLACK Country rock god Robert Plant has reportedly rubbished claims that Richard Branson offered him multi-millions to join a Led Zeppelin reunion but fans of the iconic rocker can see him in action at a sold-out Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Friday.

There's another full house when sassy soul singer Paloma Faith funks up the venue with her Perfect Contradiction album on Saturday. The same day next door at a packed Wulfrun Hall, from noon to midnight, punk rockers — including Slaughter & The Dogs, UK Subs and Splodgenessabounds — celebrate Daz Russell's 30 years putting on gigs. You can get a ticket for The Specials at the Civic tonight (Thursday).

Savage evening of rock 'n' roll ahead

BIRMINGHAM gig highlights kick off with bluesy rock 'n' roll from Barrence Whitfield & The Savages at The Institute in Digbeth tonight (Thursday). James will urge fans to Sit Down at the NIA on Saturday while James Blunt will be sharing his Moon Landing at the same venue on Sunday. That's the same night New Jersey rockers The Gaslight Anthem play the 02 Academy. New York singer-songwriter Sharon Van Etten is at The Institute on Wednesday.

The Robin 2 in Bilston revels in 80s nostalgia, plus some newer material, from Go West on Saturday and China Crisis on Sunday.

American classic Mockingbird being brought to life on stage

Bad boy is a panto 'stalker'

HIS alter-ego Peter Barlow has just been cleared of murder but Coronation Street's Chris Gascoyne is gearing up for another bad boy role as he prepares for Birmingham's big panto.

He left the soap this month after 14 years and will head to the West Midlands for his festive role. The actor will play Fleshcreep in Jack and the Beanstalk, with pop singer Duncan James, from Blue, as the dashing Jack.

Fun

Chris said: "I am hoping it is going to be good fun, nice and light-hearted."

Duncan is itching to get started. "I've done a lot of theatre and appeared in the West End but I've never had the opportunity to do pantomime," he said.

Their co-stars include Jane McDonald, Gary Wilmot, Paul Zerdin and Matt Slack. The Hippodrome panto runs from December 19 to February 1.



Duncan James and Chris Gascoyne look forward to Jack and the Beanstalk in Birmingham

A MUCH-loved classic American novel comes to the stage when an acclaimed version of Harper Lee's story of childhood, courage and racial prejudice, *To Kill A Mockingbird*, arrives in Birmingham.

The New Alexandra Theatre will be the venue for the touring incarnation of Regent Park Open Air Theatre's production. It has been adapted by Christopher Sergel from Harper Lee's novel.

The Pulitzer Prize winner, set in America's Deep South during the 1930s, was recently ranked the seventh most influential book on society in a survey commissioned by The Folio Society.

Lawyer

It takes a child's eye view of events when young Scout's small town lawyer father Atticus Finch defends a black man who has been accused of rape, despite widespread condemnation by their neighbours.

Directed by Timothy Shearer, *To Kill A Mockingbird* opened Regent's Park Open Air Theatre's 2013 season to critical acclaim and sell out performances.

It will be staged in Birmingham from Tuesday to Saturday, November 25. Daniel Betts will play Atticus alongside Zackary Momoh as the accused Tom Robinson and Christopher Akral as the mysterious Boo Radley. Jemima Bennett, Ava Potter and Rosie Boore will share the role of Scout.



Jemima Bennett as Scout

An adaptation of Ernest Hemingway's First World War love story *A Farewell To Arms* is at Birmingham Rep's Studio venue tonight, tomorrow and Saturday. Roald Dahl's *The BFG* starts a whizz-popping Christmas run at The Rep on November 26.

Saucy musical *The Full Monty*, in which redundant steel workers reinvent themselves as strippers to a disco soundtrack, stars EastEnders and Hollyoaks actor Gary Lucy at Wolverhampton Grand from Monday to Saturday.

Bouncers' view of the clubbers

GET the doorman's view of a Friday night on the town when John Godber's play about 1980s clubbing, *Bouncers*, revived by Reform Theatre Company, is staged at Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre tonight (Thursday) and tomorrow.

The Wulfrun Street venue, part of the University of Wolverhampton, is on Saturday hosting *The Ugly Girl*, which has been described as a surreal slapstick musical. It features Liz Carr and is brought to the theatre by Disability Arts Touring Network.

A Black Country Poetry Night at the Arena on Wednesday, November 26, features Liz Berry, Emma Purshouse, Dave Reeves and Billy Spakeman.

For each event tickets are £10 (£8 concessions).

Holly night to get in a festive mood

THOSE in a festive mood can celebrate Holly at Christmas with the Buddy Holly and the Cricketers show at Birmingham New Alexandra Theatre tonight combining a tribute to the rock 'n' roll star with seasonal tunes. Tomorrow the city centre venue has the Jackson Live in Concert tribute to Michael Jackson by Ben with band and singers and on Saturday prepare for a long night of laughter when comedy veteran Ken Dodd tickles his audience. The one-nighters continue on Sunday with another rock 'n' roll tribute, Roy Orbison and Friends with Halesowen's Barry Steele as The Big O.

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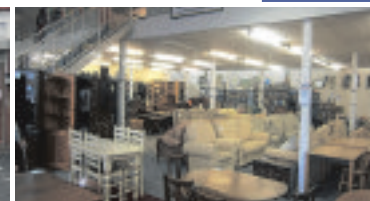
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Dominic Sandbrook

Tomorrow's Worlds: The Unearthly History of Science Fiction (BBC2, 9.45pm)
In a new four-part series, historian Dominic Sandbrook examines the genre which has dominated the media for decades, after years of being on the fringes of popular culture. And there's no shortage of big names taking part, including Star Trek veterans William Shatner and Nichelle Nichols, Star Wars's feuding duo Anthony Daniels and Kenny Baker, Avatar's Zoe Saldana and one of the genre's most popular authors, Neil Gaiman. In episode one, Dominic examines sci-fi's enduring fascination with outer space, from Jules Verne's groundbreaking 19th-century vision of a voyage to the moon, to that galaxy far, far away in Star Wars.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Football Focus. 12.00 BBC News; Weather. 12.10 Live Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix – Qualifying. The battle for pole in the final round of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). 2.15 Live International Rugby Union. Scotland v Tonga (Kick-off 2.30pm). 4.30 Final Score. 5.20 Celebrity Mastermind. (R) 5.50 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 6.10 **Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong presents a sports special, featuring Dennis Taylor, Bobby George, Sharon Davies, Louise Hazel, Dwain Chambers, Gail Emms, Ugo Monye and Phil Vickery. 7.00 **Strictly Come Dancing.** After the excitement of Blackpool Tower Ballroom, the pro-celebrity couples make their way back to the studio – and with another couple having been voted out last week, the competition will be more tense than ever. But there will be plenty of spinning and sequins as the hopefuls tackle a number of demanding routines in the hope of getting their names at the top of the leaderboard. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkelman present, with Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell are the ones to impress. The results are tomorrow at 7.15pm. 8.15 **Atlantis.** Part two of two. Pasphe continues to lay siege to the city, and the only hope rests with Jason, Hercules and Pythagoras, who are far from home fighting their own battle. 9.00 **Casualty.** An asylum seeker refuses life-saving surgery because of her religious beliefs. Big Mac tries to reunite a Burmese man with his daughter and Dylan helps Ethan with a diagnosis. 9.50 **The National Lottery Live.** Gaby Roslin celebrates 20 years of the National Lottery, with a performance from shadow dancers Attraction charting the history of lottery funding in the UK. 10.00 **BBC News;** Weather. 10.20 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of today's Premier League clashes, including Arsenal v Manchester United; National Lottery Update. 11.45 **The Football League Show.** 1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.10 BBC News.

BBC2

8.20 Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix – Practice Two. (R) 9.55 Live Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix – Practice Three. 11.05 Bargain Hunt. (R) 11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) 12.15 James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) 1.00 Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey. (R) 2.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 2.45 **Film:** The Red Shoes. (1948) Powell and Pressburger's drama, starring Moira Shearer. 4.55 Live International Rugby Union. Wales v New Zealand (Kick-off 5.30pm). 7.30 **Flog It! Trade Secrets.** The experts examine the smallest and largest collectibles featured on the show, and Paul Martin visits Wiltshire where the Science Museum stores its oversized objects. 8.00 **Perry and Croft: Made in Britain.** The celebration of comedy writing duo David Croft and Jimmy Perry continues with an examination of how their sitcoms chronicled the UK's class system in the 20th century. 8.30 **Dad's Army.** The platoon takes part in an efficiency test in a bid to prove its worth, but mistakenly attacks a tea lady with onions from Jones's van. (R) 9.00 **QI XL.** Extended edition. Bill Bailey, Sandi Toksvig, Jason Manford and regular panelist Alan Davies try to answer host Stephen Fry's range of fiendish questions about lethal things. 9.45 **Tomorrow's Worlds: The Uneearthly History of Science Fiction.** New series. Dominic Sandbrook explores the many aspects of the genre and examines its impact on cinema, television and literature. He begins by looking at sci-fi's enduring fascination with outer space, from Jules Verne's pioneering 19th-century vision of a voyage to the moon, to the universe George Lucas created for Star Wars. Along the way, he reveals how Stanley Kubrick made 2001: A Space Odyssey seem so believable and why a man in a dressing gown became one of sci-fi's best-loved heroes in The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. 10.45 **Intruders.** Jack discovers the cause of Amy's recent strange behaviour. 11.30 **Film: Minority Report.** (2002) Sci-fi thriller, starring Tom Cruise. 1.50 **Film:** The Thing from Another World. (1951) 3.10 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.40 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 6.50 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 7.05 Canimals. (R) 7.10 Canimals. (R) 7.20 Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) 7.25 Sooty. (R) 7.35 Mr Bear: The Animated Series. (R) 7.50 Matt Hatter Chronicles. 8.15 Horrid Henry. 8.30 The Munch Box. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 The Hungry Sailors. (R) 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.20 ITV News; Weather. 11.25 Storage Hoarders. (R) 12.25 Surprise Surprise. (R) 1.30 All Star Family Fortunes. (R) 2.15 Doc Martin. (R) 3.15 Keep It in the Family. (R) 4.15 **Film:** Scooby-Doo. (2002) Live-action comedy adventure. 6.00 **Regional Programme;** Weather. 6.15 **ITV News;** Weather. 6.30 **New You've Been Framed!** Comedy with Harry Hill, inspired by viewers' videos, featuring the interrogation of a toy bear, Disney princesses conducting body searches and tips for keeping a marriage fresh. 7.00 **The Chase: Celebrity Special.** Olympic gold medalist Greg Rutherford, Birds of a Feather star Lesley Joseph, Emmerdale's Matthew Wolfenden and football pundit Chris Kamara play for charity. Bradley Walsh hosts. 8.00 **The X Factor.** The aspiring pop stars hope to turn another week of rehearsals into a winning performance as they each take the stage in the seventh live studio round. With the final now just three weeks away and the prize of a life-changing record deal coming a little closer, the acts will be feeling the pressure to stand out from the competition and win viewers' votes. Dermot O'Leary deals with the drama on the judging panel. The results are tomorrow at 8pm. 9.40 **I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** Ant and Dec present the latest jungle stories and announce which camper will be taking part in the next Bushucker Trial as the celebrities face another challenging day Down Under. 10.45 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host is joined by stand-up star Lee Evans, comedian and actor Jack Whitehall, musician Noel Gallagher, and Irish group Boyzone. 11.50 **ITV News;** Weather. 12.05 **The Chase.** (R) 1.00 Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 Trans World Sport. 7.10 The Grid. 7.35 Angley Sandman Triathlon. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Weekend Kitchen. 10.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 10.35 Frasier. (R) 11.05 The Big Bang Theory. 11.35 The Big Bang Theory. 12.00 The Simpsons. (R) 12.30 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Haydock Park and Ascot. 4.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.25 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.25 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 **Come Dine with Me.** Eesyma Sodje hosts the final dinner party in Darlington, hoping her Nigerian recipes and a round of hip-hop karaoke will impress her guests. (R) 6.30 **Channel 4 News.** 7.00 **Speed with Guy Martin.** The motorbike fan takes on the challenge of building the world's fastest soapbox racer in an attempt to set a new speed record using just the pull of gravity and a tarmac road. To get to grips with going blisteringly fast on a public road, Guy tries his hand at street luge with former global champion Helene Schmitz, before joining his team of engineers to explore the science of rolling resistance and the importance of tyre pressure. Armed with what they believe to be the perfect formula, they produce a unique soapbox cart inspired by Mother Nature and, after training with the Team GB women's bobsled team, confidence is high – but are disaster and mayhem just around the corner? Last in the series. (R) 8.00 **Walking Through History: King John's Ruin – Peak District.** On a walk across the medieval monarch's stamping grounds of Sherwood Forest and the Peak District, Tony Robinson discovers King John was a man who stumbled from crisis to crisis. 9.00 **It Was Alright in the 1970s.** Part two of two. Attitudes to feminism, foreigners, family values and sexual orientation on TV in the 1970s, featuring a selection of surprising clips. Matt Lucas narrates. 10.00 **Film: Lawless.** (2012) Premiere. Crime drama, starring Shia LaBeouf, Tom Hardy and Jason Clarke. 12.20 **Film:** JFK. (1991) 3.40 Hollyoaks. (R) 5.55 SuperScribers. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.35 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. 10.10 Access. 10.15 Gibraltar: Britain in the Sun. (R) 11.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) 12.15 **Film:** Trading Christmas. (2011) A lonely widow and a frustrated writer arrange to swap houses for Christmas, and both find themselves having unexpected romances. Comedy, starring Faith Ford and Gill Bellows. 2.00 **Film:** All I Want for Christmas. (2007) Romantic drama, with Gail O'Grady and Robert Mailhouse. 3.45 **Film:** My Santa. (2013) Premiere. Drama, starring Samaira Armstrong. 5.30 **Film:** Crazy for Christmas. (2005) Family drama, starring Andrea Roth. 7.15 **Film: Christmas Wishes.** (2012) A teacher at a boarding school agrees to look after troubled students who are unable to go home for the Christmas holidays. His career is threatened when a pupil vandalises a beloved local tree where people can leave their handwritten wishes, but he rallies the townsfolk to repair the damage. Family drama, starring Jason Gedrick and Richard Harmon. 8.55 **5 News Weekend.** 9.00 **Film: The Long Kiss Goodnight.** (1996) An amnesiac teacher starts to experience disturbing flashbacks of her former life and hires a private eye to help her learn more about her history. His findings unearth a murky past and her involvement with a shadowy government organisation – whose agents have been dispatched to kill them both. Action thriller, with Geena Davis and Samuel L. Jackson, alongside Patrick Malahide, Brian Cox and Craig Bierko. 11.20 **Gotham.** Bullock fears a copycat serial killer is targeting the offspring of the city's wealthiest citizens, while the net closes around Gordon for the apparent murder of Oswald Cobblepot. (R) 12.15 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 3.10 The Gadget Show. The presenter's employ technology to transform their chances of beating professionals at their own game, with Oris Deley using a robot to take on a goalkeeper in a penalty shootout. (R) 4.00 House Doctor. Ann Maurice works her magic on an arty garden flat in the Kensal Green area of west London. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D
8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Sherlock 10.30 Live at the Apollo 11.00 Family Guy 1.15 Sweat the Small Stuff 1.45 Life Is Toff 2.15 The Revolution Will Be Televised 2.45 Live at the Apollo 3.15 Some Girls 3.45 In Deep 4.00 Close
BBC Four
7.00 Natural World: Grizzlies of Alaska
8.00 The Riviera: A History in Pictures
9.00 Inspector Montalbano 10.45 The Joy of the Guitar Riff 11.45 Great Guitar Riffs at the BBC 12.45 Top of the Pops: 1979 1.30 Sounds of the 70s 2: Art House Glam – Get in the Swing 2.00 Natural World: Grizzlies of Alaska 3.00 The Riviera: A History in Pictures 4.00 Close
ITV2
12.30 **Film:** Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home (1995) 2.30 **Film:** Dungeons and Dragons (2000) 4.35 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! 6.05 **Film:** King Kong (2005) 9.40 The Xtra Factor 10.45 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! 11.45 The X Factor 1.20 The Xtra Factor 2.20 You've Been Framed! 2.45 Teleshopping 5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3
12.35 **Film:** Colombo: Any Old Port in a Storm (1973) 2.35 A Touch of Frost 4.35 Inspector Morse 5.55 Rosemary & Thyme 8.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Midsomer Murders 11.00 A Touch of Frost 12.45 Bomb Girls 1.35 World Kitchen 2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping
ITV4
11.20 Alias Smith and Jones 12.20 Movies Now 12.35 **Film:** Chyenne Autumn (1964) 3.45 **Film:** Rooster Cogburn (1975) 6.00 FIA Formula E Championship 7.00 Storage Wars 9.00 **Film:** A View to a Kill (1985) 11.45 **Film:** Raging Bull (1980) 2.25 Cheers 2.50 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping
E4
12.00 How I Met Your Mother 1.00 **Film:** A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures (2010) 2.45 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts 3.00 Made in Chelsea 4.00 Melissa & Joey 5.00 How I Met Your Mother 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 **Film:** The Fourth Kind (2009) 11.05 Rude Tube 12.10 The Inbetweeners 1.20 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 2.15 How I Met Your Mother 3.00 Franklin & Bash 3.45 Happy Endings
Film4
2.50 The Time Machine (1960) 4.55 Star Trek: Insurrection (1998) 7.05 The Seeker: The Dark is Rising (2007) 9.00 Rush Hour 3 (2007) 10.45 Underworld: Awakening (2012) 12.25 Room 237 (2012) 2.25 Apartment 143 (2011)

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Michael Palin

Remember Me (BBC1, 9pm)

It's 23 years since Alan Bleasdale's GBH first hit our screens. Incredibly, it marks the last time that Michael Palin took the lead role in a TV drama. But the seasoned traveler and comedian is back in this three-part series as Tom, an eightysomething pensioner living in a small Yorkshire town. He fakes a fall so he can be taken into residential care, but takes with him only an empty suitcase. Once he's settled in, a variety of bizarre events begin, sparked by the freak death of the social worker in charge of his case. Later, Hannah, the care worker Tom has bonded with, discovers sheet music and wax recordings of various versions of Scarborough Fair, but he becomes agitated when she sings it to him.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.10** Live Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. The final round of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Points of View. **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.50** Life Story. (R) **5.50** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.15 Countryfile. The team is in Berkshire, where John Craven visits the agricultural college and discovers the village of Cookham, the inspiration for artist Stanley Spencer. Shauna Lowry heads to a valley where hundreds of racehorses train each day, and meets the son of crime writer and jockey Dick Francis. Wildlife expert Sanjida O'Connell walks the Ridgeway, the Roman road that winds its way across the county, and discovers how the landscape has inspired writers, including Wind in the Willows author Kenneth Grahame. Tom Heap investigates measures to get tough against the persecutors of birds of prey. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal which couples are in the dance-off, leaving their fates in the hands of the judges, and Barry Manilow performs an old favourite.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The team visits Tredegar House near Newport in Wales, where items include a tapestry woven in tribute to Status Quo, a frog-shaped brooch and an intricately carved coconut.

9.00 Remember Me. New series. Supernatural thriller, starring Michael Palin as an elderly man whose admittance to a nursing home triggers a series of inexplicable events. Mark Addy co-stars.

10.00 BBC News; Weather. **10.30** Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring Crystal Palace v Liverpool at Selhurst Park and Hull City v Tottenham Hotspur at the KC Stadium.

11.30 The Apprentice. (R) **12.30** Film: Protocol. (1984) **2.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.05** BBC News.

BBC2

7.15 Countryfile. (R) **8.15** Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **9.00** The Football League Show. (R) **10.20** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.50** James Martin's Food Map of Britain: (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.15** MOTD Extra. **1.00** International Rugby Union. **2.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.45** Live Women's International Football. **5.00** Coast. (R) **5.30** Glorious Gardens from Above. (R)

6.15 Flag It! Antiques experts Michael Baggett and Philip Serrell value the goods on show in Barnsley, South Yorkshire, and Paul Martin talks to artist Graham Ibbeson. (R)

7.00 Secrets of the Castle with Ruth, Peter and Tom. Ruth Goodman, Peter Ginn and Tom Pinfold learn the skills of medieval builders by heading to France to join a project to construct a 13th-century castle from scratch. (R)

8.00 The Mekong River with Sue Perkins. The comedienne continues her journey up the Southeast Asian river and reaches Laos, where she spends a day with novice Buddhist monks and visits the Xayaburi hydroelectric dam.

9.00 World's Greatest Food Markets. Billingsgate fish merchant Roger Barton pits himself against traders at Mexico City's Central de Abasco, which is the largest wholesale food market on the planet.

10.00 Russell Howard's Good News. The comedian offers his perspective on stories dominating the media, whether on television, online or in print, and he is joined by a guest with an amazing tale to tell. (R)

10.30 The Wrong Mans. Sam and Phil go on the run after managing to free Scarlett from Mr Lau's clutches and find temporary safety in the hands of enigmatic MI5 agent Walker. (R)

11.00 The Wrong Mans. Sam and Phil stumble upon an assassination plot. (R)

11.30 Film: Moon. (2009) An astronaut working alone at a base on the moon discovers the disturbing truth about both the operation he is running and his own identity. Sci-fi drama, starring Sam Rockwell.

1.00 Film: The Quatermass Xperiment. (1955) **2.20** Sign: Countryfile. (R) **3.20** Holly City. (R) **4.20** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.25** Sooty. (R) **7.35** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. **7.50** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.15** Horrid Henry. **8.30** Big Time Rush. **9.00** The Aquabats! Super Show! (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.30** ITV News. **11.40** Film: Carry On Cruising. (1962) **1.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **3.00** The X Factor. (R) **4.40** Midsomer Murders. (R) **6.30** Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Keep It in the Family. Six stars of Benidorm join Bradley Walsh in the studio as they prepare to face the dreaded drop. Crissy Rock (Janey), Sherrine Hewson (Joyce), Jake Canuso (Mateo), Janine Duviski (Jacqueline), Tony Dickinson (Kenneth) and Perry Benson (Clive) provide assistance as the Mercer and Jaccovides families go head to head in a series of fun-filled rounds to win big prizes. The celebrities each hold the clue to a gift, from new cars to holidays in the sun, and face being sent through a trapdoor as the contestants decide whether to swap, drop or keep it in the family.

8.00 The X Factor Results. Dermot O'Leary reveals who is safe and who has scored the lowest number of votes. Plus, performances by some of the biggest acts in the charts.

9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! The surprises keep coming for the celebrities as one of them faces a live Bushbucker Trial in an attempt to win food for their fellow campmates. Having completed their first week Down Under, there are still plenty of nightmarish tasks ahead for the stars, and with homesickness setting in, some of them will be struggling. Ant and Dec round up the best bits from the past 24 hours.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show. (R)

11.25 Premiership Rugby Union. **12.15** The Store. **2.20** Motorsport UK. **3.10** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.55** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 NFL: The American Football Show. (R) **7.10** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.35** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Jamie's Comfort Food. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Fifteen to One. **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. **2.30** The Simpsons. (R) **3.00** The Simpsons. (R) **3.30** The Simpsons. (R) **4.00** Film: Fury Vengeance. (2010) Family comedy, starring Brendan Fraser. **5.50** Film: Rio. (2011) Animated comedy, with the voice of Jesse Eisenberg.

7.40 Channel 4 News.

8.00 Woolly Mammoth: The Autopsy. The discovery of an extraordinarily well-preserved woolly mammoth in Siberia last year has quickened the pace of one of the most ambitious and controversial projects in science – the cloning of this iconic giant of the Ice Age. When it was dug out of the permafrost, a dark red liquid oozed from the frozen body. Could it be blood? This documentary follows an international team of experts carrying out a historic autopsy on the carcass and gains access to the leading mammoth de-extinction programmes happening now in the US and South Korea.

9.00 Homeland. CIA director Lockhart arrives just as Carrie's investigation faces complications, with the troubled agent learning Majid Javadi has hatched an audacious plan to intercept information he can sell on. US drama, starring Claire Danes and Tracy Betts.

10.00 Sarah Millican: Thoroughly Modern Millican Live. Stand-up performance, recorded at London's Hammersmith Apollo during the comedienne's 2012 UK tour, featuring anecdotes on life's humdrum curiosities. (R)

11.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. The host is joined by entertainer Bette Midler, comedian Keith Lemon, and singer-songwriter James Blunt. Sam Smith performs his new single Like I Can. (R)

12.00 Confessions of a Copper. The first of two programmes in which professionals lift the lid on their working lives. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** American Football Live. New York Giants v Dallas Cowboys (Kick-off 1.30am).

4.45 The Grid. (R) **5.15** SuperScrimpers. (R) **5.35** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.35** Seaside Antics. **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.05** Only the Little White Van. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. **7.45** Little Princess. (R) **8.00** The Adventures of Bottle Top Ball and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.15** Wanda and the Alien. **8.25** Zack and Quack. **8.40** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.55** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.10** LazyTown. (R) **9.40** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.15** Access. (R) **10.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.15** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.15** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.10** Film: A Boyfriend for Christmas. (2004) Romantic drama, starring Kelli Williams and Shane Baumel. **3.00** Film: The Christmas Secret. (2014) Premiere. Drama, starring Bethany Joy Lenz. **4.45** News Weekend. **4.55** Film: Superman III. (1983) Comic-book adventure sequel, starring Christopher Reeve.

7.15 Film: Hancock. (2008) A reluctant, alcoholic superhero ends up the most hated man in Los Angeles thanks to his habit of causing mayhem and destruction while trying to do good. However, when he saves the life of a PR guru, the grateful executive sets about transforming the public perception of the crime-fighter, despite his wife's strong misgivings. Comedy, starring Will Smith, Jason Bateman and Charlize Theron. Edited for language.

9.00 Film: The Green Hornet. (2011) Premiere. A wealthy playboy inherits a media empire when his father dies. Determined to do some good for a change, he uses his new-found fortune to become a masked crime-fighter. Aided by his chauffeur, who is a kung fu expert and a technical genius, he fights to bring down a powerful gangster. Comic-book adventure, starring Seth Rogen.

11.25 Film: The Punisher. (1989) A policeman-turned-vigilante must save the kidnapped children of a gangster whom he has sworn to bring down. Vigilante thriller, starring Dolph Lundgren.

1.05 SuperCasino. **3.10** Family Massacre: The Jersey Slayer. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix - Highlights **8.00** Pop's Greatest Dance Craze **8.15** Film: The Proposal (2009) **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Some Girls **11.15** American Dad! **12.00** Life Is Toff **12.30** The Revolution Will Be Televised **1.00** Snow, Sex and Suspicious Parents **2.00** Some Girls **2.30** Sweet the Small Stuff **3.00** The Revolution Will Be Televised **3.30** Life Is Toff **4.00** Close

BBC Four
7.00 The Great War **7.40** Britain's Wildest Places **8.00** The Day of the Triffids **9.00** Hunt v Lada: F1's Greatest Racing Rivals **10.00** Jim Clark: The Quiet Champion **11.00** Dolly Parton @ Glastonbury **12.14** 11 Kenny Rogers: Cards on the Table **1.10** Country Kings at the BBC **2.10** Sounds of the 70s 2 Reggae - Stir It Up **2.40** Glen Campbell: The Whistone Cowboy **3.40** Close

ITV2
1.55 McBested: The Hot Desk **2.05** You've Been Framed! **2.40** Film: Small Soldiers (1998) **4.50** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **5.50** Film: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) **8.00** Scorpion **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** You've Been Framed! **10.30** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.35** Educating Joey Essex **12.40** Two and a Half Men **1.30** Dads **1.50** The Vampire Diaries **2.35** Keshia: The Hot Desk **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
11.50 A Touch of Frost **1.55** Rosemary & Thyme **2.55** Film: Columbo: Swan Song (1974) **5.00** Film: On the Buses (1971) **6.50** Inspector Morse **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Cracker **2.20** Judge Judy **3.25** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

ITV4
5.30 Storage Wars **6.00** British Touring Car Championship **6.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: Spy Game (2001) **11.35** Film: First Blood (1982) **1.40** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors **2.30** Tommy Cooper **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
4.15 Rude (ish) Tube Shorts **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: 27 Dresses (2008) **10.10** The Interwebsters **11.20** Drifters **11.50** Bad Robots **12.25** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **1.25** Rules of Engagement **2.20** My Fair Wedding **Film4**

2.50 It's a Wonderful Life (1946) **5.25** Stormbreaker (2006) **7.15** The Golden Child (1986) **9.00** Lockout (2012) **10.55** Date Night (2010) **12.40** Breathless (2008) **3.20** Close

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MONDAY

Harry Brown, Channel 5, 10pm
An elderly retired marine leads a law-abiding existence on a south London estate, until his best friend is murdered by a local gang. Furious at the police's inability to bring the killers to justice, he takes the law into his own hands to get revenge. Crime thriller, starring Michael Caine. (2009)

TUESDAY

The Shooting Party, BBC1, 12.20am
An English aristocrat invites friends to his stately country home for a weekend of pheasant shooting in 1913. The guests enjoy the self-indulgent privileges of the upper classes, heedless of the local rural poor who cater to their every whim – and are blithely unaware that the approaching war will change their sheltered lives for ever. Period drama, based on Isabel Colegate's novel, with Edward Fox and Robert Hardy. (1985)

WEDNESDAY

New Town Killers, BBC1, 11.35pm
A teenager from inner-city Edinburgh agrees to act as prey in a deadly game of cat and mouse played by a wealthy banker and his latest recruit. However, the hunters always seem to be one step ahead and the youngster realises his chances of survival are slim. Thriller, starring Dougray Scott. (2008)



The World Is Not Enough, Friday, ITV, 10.45pm

THURSDAY

Tomorrow Never Dies, ITV, 10.40pm
James Bond joins forces with a Chinese agent to foil a media mogul's scheme to start a war between their countries. Using an undetectable stealth ship, the press baron plans an attack on both nations' navies, knowing they will blame each other – giving him exclusive global media coverage of the resulting conflict. Spy adventure, starring Pierce Brosnan, Jonathan Pryce, Teri Hatcher and Michelle Yeoh. (1997)

FRIDAY

The World Is Not Enough, ITV, 10.45pm
James Bond is assigned to protect the heiress of an oil dynasty after her father is killed in a bombing at MI6 headquarters. The attack is the work of an infamous terrorist who is unable to feel pain after surviving a gunshot to his head, and who now intends to destroy the world's supply of oil. Spy adventure, starring Pierce Brosnan, Robert Carlyle, Sophie Marceau and Robbie Coltrane. (1999)

PICK OF THE WEEK

Martin digs deep to find us the best deals

Financial journalist Martin Lewis has been frequenting our screens for years now, giving insider tips on how we can further tighten our purse-strings during these hard-up times.

In fact, the money-saving expert is nothing short of a godsend actually, and if anybody knows cash, it's him.

Of course, Mr Lewis' tips have been known to get him into trouble with the big guns of the trading world on the odd occasion, but, from challenging unfair parking tickets to doling out the know-how regarding those television adverts and pestering text messages about mis-sold PPI, his advice has proved priceless (pardon the pun) in the past.

So it's with open arms and loud cheers that we welcome him back to the telly, alongside reporter Saira Khan – and it's come at just the right time, and given the time of the year, there's a noticeable theme to this first episode.

The series kicks off on what's become known as 'Black Friday', the date marking the beginning of the

Christmas shopping season. But if you're already fretting because you don't even know where to start when it comes to present-buying this year, Martin will be listing all the essential deals that you expect to find in stores and online.

Meanwhile, Martin and Saira visit a family in Hertfordshire for a personal stock take of all their belongings to help them raise money to pay for Christmas. And soon enough, any regrets they thought they'd have are forgotten, as they sell unused clothes, mobile phones, buggies and toys.

The Christmas Ideal Home Show is also on Martin and Saira's to-do list this week, as they give members of the public handy tips on how to drum up a bit of extra cash for the festive period, while Martin dresses up for pantomime season as Dame Right-I-Am to show us how we can become wise consumers.

But while Martin is keen to impart his expertise, he certainly doesn't want to sound like he's preaching, telling PA that he never intended to make money from doing this: "I

don't preach about how to make money. That's not really my thing at all or my passion to be honest.

"I was very lucky is the answer. I set up a website I believed in. It originally had no way of making money. I set up a business. I still don't consider myself to be an entrepreneur. I'm somebody who set up a website and I consider myself to be a journalist and consumer campaigner.

"Because the website got so big I needed a way to fund my servers, so I came up with the most ethical way I could think of to fund the site, and it did a lot better than I thought it would.

"I'm about providing information for consumers and fighting for consumer rights. I'm not about setting businesses up, and I think there are far more qualified people than me to talk about how to do that. I got lucky."

Whichever way you look at it, Martin, we're lucky that you got lucky, as our purses have been a lot heavier since you came along...



The Martin Lewis Money Show, Friday, ITV, 8pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Loch Ness Monster: The Missing Evidence, Channel 5, 8pm

Tales of a creature haunting Loch Ness go back for nearly 1,500 years, but only in the last century did the legend truly take off. At St Andrews University, statistical ecologist Charles Paxton has compiled a database of every sighting of the monster ever reported and his team hopes detailed analysis of these records will finally uncover the truth behind the myth of the Loch Ness monster. This programme uses modern forensic technology to re-examine well-known photos and footage, looking at how hopes of finding a surviving dinosaur were dashed by a hoax that fooled everyone, while enthusiast Adrian Shine recounts his decades-long search for the elusive beast.

Posh People: Inside Tatler, BBC2, 9pm

Forget watching Made in Chelsea – if you really want a glimpse of Britain's most privileged, just flick through the pages of Tatler. The oldest magazine in the world, it's been documenting the lives of Britain's upper-classes for 300 years, and being pictured in its pages is a rite of passage for the country's social elite. Now this new series is going behind the scenes to find out what's involved in documenting the lives of the rich and powerful. It

discovers that you don't have to be posh to work at Tatler, but it probably does help – editor Kate Reardon is a self-confessed 'honking great Sloane', and all the features team are expected to be versed in the rules of upper-class life. For the magazine's new recruit, writer Mathew Bell, it's a chance to see how the other half live, as he attempts to go from middle-class outsider to privileged insider, at home in the company of those featured on the magazine, who range from Lord Glasgow to Nigerian millionaire Kola Karim.

TUESDAY Live UEFA Champions League, ITV, 7.30pm

Manchester City v Bayern Munich (Kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the matchday five Group E clash from the Etihad Stadium, where the hosts are in desperate need of a positive result. Defeat at home to CSKA Moscow last time out left City bottom of the group and on the brink of elimination, which would be sealed if they fail to beat the German champions and CSKA or AS Roma triumph in the other encounter. The reverse fixture on matchday one saw Bayern win 1-0 courtesy of a late goal from former City defender Jerome Boateng,

while the corresponding fixture here in last season's competition also saw the Bundesliga outfit record a victory, as they completely outclassed the Citizens en route to a 3-1 scoreline. Presented by Adrian Chiles.

WEDNESDAY

Waterloo Road, BBC1, 8pm

Floyd confronts Tiffany and Justin about their relationship, and after the two boys gets into a fight, Tiffany worries her brother will spill the beans to Vaughan and Allie. The police descend on Waterloo Road when Kevin's computer hacking on a multinational organisation is traced back to the school, sparking a major security risk, and Sonya's short story looks set to jeopardise her friendship with Christine after it turns out she has drawn inspiration from her colleague's alcoholic past.



Live UEFA Champions League, Tuesday, ITV, 7.30pm

THURSDAY

Britain's Bloodiest Dynasty, Channel 5, 9pm

New series. Powerful storytelling and dramatic reconstruction bring to life one of the most bloody and violent chapters in British history as Dan Jones explores the lives of the Plantagenets, who ruled England and much of France during the Middle Ages. The historian begins with Henry II – the first king of the dynasty – a dashing and energetic warrior who transformed England from a violent and lawless state into the heart of an empire that would become one of the greatest that Europe has ever seen.

FRIDAY

Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild, Channel 5, 9pm

Ben journeys to the wilderness of Alaska to spend time with Mike and Fran Turner and their children Cathy and Nate, who welcome him into their simple, self-built log cabin. He discovers how the couple have created a self-sufficient lifestyle by working the land and trapping animals, while battling against forest fires in the summer and freezing conditions in the winter. Ben takes every opportunity to get stuck into forest survival, as he battles mosquitoes and adapts to 24-hour daylight.

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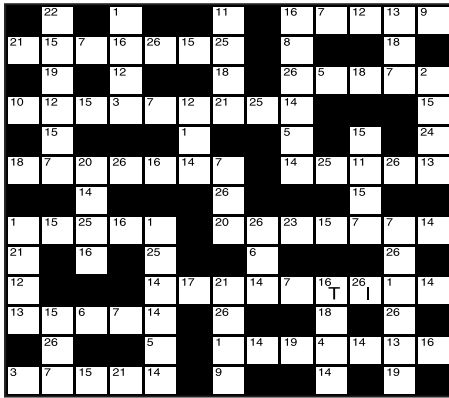
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

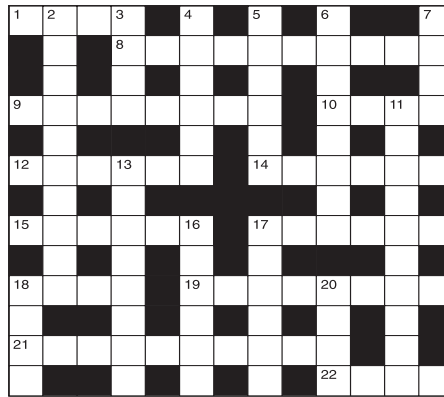
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Goddess is seen twice (4)
8. A certain feeling (10)
9. Finch because of a handicap (8)
10. Wise men having different image out East (4)
12. Just happened to be wicked (6)
14. It's said to be polite (6)
15. Depression that shows in your face (6)
17. They hold an alternative view of things (6)
18. A wise man changes as he grows older (4)
19. Conditional statement? (8)
21. Overwhelming personalities (10)
22. Is not any faster at splitting points (4)

Down

2. Cutting down what the pastrycook may need (10)
3. Boat takes a doctor from Moscow (4)
4. Not off upon a visit, but ready to make one (2,4)
5. Improve on casual acquaintance (4,2)
6. Bolt many together? (8)
7. It turns up after an opponent (4)
11. Proceed directly to lead an honest life? (2,8)
13. It may be made in open court or in camera (8)
16. Do some relief work? (6)
17. A grease paint allowance, in part (6)
18. Half the alphabet studied by physicists (4)
20. Part of Chelsea seldom free of anxiety (4)



Quick Clues:

Across

1. Appear (4)
8. Retort (6,4)
9. Infancy (8)
10. Tents (4)
12. Wheedle (6)
14. Ridicule (6)
15. Big wave (6)
17. Up-to-date (6)
18. Cosy (4)
19. Penitent (8)
21. Neutralise (10)
22. Female relative (4)

Down

2. Digging out (10)
3. Numerous (4)
4. On land (6)
5. Wanted (6)
6. Shadowed (8)
7. Disregard (4)
11. Temperance (10)
13. Courteous (8)
16. Evil (6)
17. Handbook (6)
18. Ill (4)
20. Roster (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

3	7	2	8	1	5	9	4	6
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Ochre; 8 Redress; 9 Camelot; 10 Argon; 12 Take a chair; 15 Dumb blonde; 18 Owl; 19 Tourism; 21 Conform; 22 Gloss. Down: 1 Touch-and-go; 2 Shame; 3 Deal; 4 Writer; 5 Advanced; 6 Belgian; 11 Narrow miss; 13 Ambition; 14 Ambling; 16 On time; 17 Pivot; 20 Urge. QUICK - Across: 7 Maybe; 8 Perfect; 9 Asunder; 10 Avert; 12 Freebooter; 15 Deliberate; 18 Remit; 19 Genteel; 21 Operate; 22 Amiss. Down: 1 Ambassador; 2 Syrup; 3 Mend; 4 Sparse; 5 Breakout; 6 Beneath; 11 Thriftless; 13 Rebuttal; 14 Slumber; 16 Regret; 17 Merit; 20 Near.

Quiz

1. Which breed of dog has border and bearded varieties?
2. Who wrote the four Claudine novels?
3. What nationality was Captain Kidd?
4. Which bird is also known as Mother Carey's chicken?
5. To which group of islands does Skye belong?
6. Which Scottish singer was born Marie Lawrie?
7. What is the capital city of Bavaria?
8. After which king is US state Georgia named?
9. Which premiership football captain received an MBE in the 1994 New Year's Honours List?
10. On which US tycoon's life was Citizen Kane based?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Heron; 2 Hinduism; 3 Inigo Jones; 4

The Jazz Singer; 5 Aubergine; 6 Myrna Loy;

7 Utopia; 8 Blue Nile; 9 Louis XVI; 10 Heart.

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Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

3429 gives an animal,
58763 gives another animal,
1634589 gives a bird.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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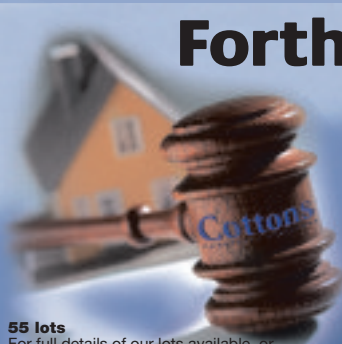
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74 High Street, Brierley Hill, West Midlands, DY5 3AW



NEW



Rodway Close, Brierley Hill, DY5 - £150,000

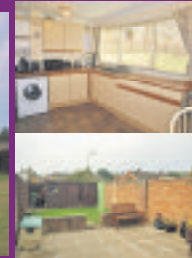
This extended, three bedroom semi-detached home has been lovingly cared for and is immaculately presented throughout. Located conveniently for schools and both Stourbridge and Brierley Hill town, this would make a great family home. Accommodation comprises an entrance hall/dining room, sizable lounge, modern kitchen, three good sized bedrooms and fitted bathroom. In addition, there is a well maintained rear garden, driveway, integral garage, gas central heating and double glazing throughout. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN! EPC: D

REDUCED



George Street, Wordsley, DY8 - "O/O" £115,000

In a perfect location for local schools and amenities, this well presented, traditional terraced home has three bedrooms and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation comprises a lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, two double bedrooms to the first floor and a double bedroom in the loft providing a third bedroom. In addition, this home has a cellar, central heating, double glazing and a rear garden. EPC: E



Mousehall Farm Road, Brierley Hill, DY5 - £110,000

Situated on the Caledonia, this well presented end of terrace is near to various amenities and would make a great first home. Accommodation comprises an entrance porch, kitchen/diner, spacious lounge, three bedrooms and refitted bathroom with uPVC double glazing and central heating. Outside, there are gardens to the front, rear and side and there is a communal car park for residents. EPC: D

Montgomery Crescent, Quarry Bank, DY5 - £95,000



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This three bedroom semi-detached house is in need of some modernisation and benefits from a driveway and good sized plot. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC: C

Hodnet Drive, Pensnett, DY5 - £96,000



Near to Russells Hall and Merry Hill, this modern home has a lounge, kitchen/diner, two double bedrooms, bathroom, driveway and lovely rear garden. It would make a great starter home or investment. EPC: D

High Street, Quarry Bank, DY5 - £60,000



COMPETITIVELY PRICED FOR A QUICK SALE AND NO UPWARD CHAIN! This one bedroom, first floor flat is in a perfect location for commuters and would be well suited to investors or first time buyers. It benefits from amenities in the High Street and is also only a short trip from Merry Hill. EPC: D

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WALL HEATH

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FOR SALE £299,995
Detached Property comprising of: Entrance Hall & WC, Lounge, IMPRESSIVE KITCHEN/DINER, FOUR BEDROOMS, en suite, Family Bathroom. Benefits include: Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Front & Rear Gardens, GARAGE.



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DADFORD VIEW
FOR SALE £64,995
Well Presented Ground Floor Flat with NO UPWARD CHAIN comprising of: Lounge/Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom with shower. Benefits include: Allocated Parking, Front Garden, Electric Heating, Double Glazing



KINGSWINFORD

GREENFIELDS ROAD
FOR SALE £127,500
Semi Detached Property comprising of: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom. Benefits include: Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Large Frontage, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Garden.



WORDSLEY

BALMORAL ROAD
FOR SALE £159,950
Semi Detached House with NO UPWARD CHAIN comprising of: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, Understair storage, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Benefits include: Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage, Driveway.



BRIERLEY HILL

BROMLEY
FOR SALE £124,950
Semi Detached Property: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, Ground Floor Wet Room, FOUR BEDROOMS, First Floor WC, benefits include: Part Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Front Side and Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking.



AMBLECOTE

KING WILLIAM STREET
FOR SALE £155,000
Semi Detached Property with NO UPWARD CHAIN, having had a full refurbishment to include high quality kitchen and bathroom. Comprises of: Lounge, Fully Fitted Kitchen with Integrated Appliances, Conservatory, Two Bedrooms and Shower Room



BRIERLEY HILL

NORTH STREET
FOR SALE OIRO £89,995
Well Presented, Modern Ground Floor Apartment. Comprises of: Entrance Hall with Store, Spacious Lounge, Large Kitchen/ Diner, Two Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom. Benefits include: Electric Heating, Off Road Parking and Visitor Parking.



GORNAL

BARR STREET
£545 pcm*
End Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Rear Garden, Unfurnished, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating



WORDSLEY

COLDSTREAM DRIVE
£695 pcm*
Semi-Detached House, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Driveway, Gardens to Front & Rear, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing



DUDLEY

RUSSELLS HALL ROAD
£550 pcm*
Fully Refurbished Semi-Detached House, Entrance, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Front & Rear Gardens, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, UNFURNISHED



WORDSLEY

CROWNOAKES DRIVE
£575 pcm*
Ground Floor Flat, Communal Entrance, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, En Suite, Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Maintained Communal Grounds, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, UNFURNISHED



LYE

KING STREET
£495 pcm*
Mid Terrace House, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Gardens to Front & Rear, Off Road Parking for 2 cars, Gas Central Heating, Sealed Units, UNFURNISHED



BRIERLEY HILL

DADFORD VIEW
£395 pcm*
Ground Floor Flat, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking, UNFURNISHED



BRIERLEY HILL

WELLS ROAD
£575 pcm*
Semi-Detached House, Entrance Hall, Good Sized Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Off Road Parking, Gardens to Front & Rear, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, UNFURNISHED



PENSNETT

TILED LOOSE LANE
£625 pcm*
Semi-Detached House, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory, Bathroom with shower, Off Road Parking for 2/3 cars, Gardens to Front & Rear, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing.



BRIERLEY HILL

FOXDALE DRIVE
£395 pcm*
Mid Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking



TIPTON

DUDLEY PORT ROAD
£420 pcm*
Ground Floor Flat, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom with shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Off road parking, Maintained communal grounds, Unfurnished



DUDLEY

LIMES ROAD
£525 pcm*
Modern Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Unfurnished



WALL HEATH

CROSS STREET
£775 pcm*
Semi-Detached House, Entrance, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Carport, Off road parking, Gardens to Front & Rear, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing



NETHERTON

NORWICH ROAD
£525 pcm*
Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking



WALL HEATH

ENVILLE ROAD
£375 pcm*
First Floor Flat, Entrance, Lounge, Re-Fitted Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Re-Fitted Bathroom with shower, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, UNFURNISHED



SEDGLEY

THE PADDOCK
£695 pcm*
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, FOUR Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking



STOURBRIDGE

BAGLEYS ROAD
£395 pcm*
Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Double Bedroom, Electric Heating, Double Glazing

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BRIERLEY HILL FOXDALE DRIVE

This attractive 3 Bed Intermediate Townhouse provides deceptively spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the discerning young family and is pleasantly situated on this popular development. Hall, spacious Lounge with Dining Area, attractively fitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, ELEGANT CONSERVATORY, Study/Playroom/4th Bedroom, 3 good sized Bedrooms, large fitted Bathroom with corner bath and shower, pleasant lawned rear Gardens with pleasant outlook and driveway for 2 cars.EPC=D

Offers around £137,500



AMBLECOTE KING WILLIAM STREET

This spacious Modern 2 Bed Semi provides generously proportioned GAS CENTRALLY HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the young family in this popular established and very convenient address. Briefly comprises:- Porch, Hall, spacious Lounge, attractively REFITTED DINING KITCHEN, Conservatory, 2 very well proportioned Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with shower, good sized low maintenance rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect and driveway to front. EPC=C

Offers around £129,950



QUARRY BANK WINDING MILL SOUTH

An attractively presented 3 Bed Intermediate Townhouse pleasantly situated on popular development providing refreshingly spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE glazed accom ideally suited to the First Time Buyer or young family. Porch/Hall, spacious Lounge, attractively fitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob and adjoining Dining Area, 3 well proportioned Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with shower, pleasant lawned enclosed rear Gardens and car parking available for residents close by. EPC=G

Offers around £115,950



HOLLY HALL BUXTON ROAD

Pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient address, this 3 Bedroomed End Terrace provides deceptively spacious PART GAS CENTRALLY HEATED and mostly UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom which although requires a little tender loving care but offers tremendous further potential. Briefly comprises: Spacious Lounge, sep Sitting/Dining Room, large Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, Downstairs Shower Room, 3 well proportioned Bedrooms and small enclosed yard/garden to the rear. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC=D

Offers around £84,950



PENSNETT QUEEN STREET

A superbly presented, beautifully maintained 3 Bed Semi pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient address and providing well planned GAS CENTRALLY HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the discerning First Time Buyer or young family. Briefly comprises :- Hall, spacious Lounge with Dining Area, attractively fitted Kitchen with built in oven and hob, 3 well proportioned Bedrooms, superb reapointed Bathroom, pleasant lawned rear Gardens and Driveway for 2 cars to the front. EPC=C

Offers around £134,000



NETHERTON PURLIN WHARF

This more "unique" Modern 2 Bed Detached provides superb GAS CENTRALLY HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED first floor accom, pleasantly situated with splendid panoramic views to the rear on this popular new development and is ideal for the First Time Buyer, Investor or professional couple. Reception Hall, Landing, spacious Lounge opening to splendid MODERN FITTED KITCHEN WITH BUILT IN OVEN AND HOB, 2 well proportioned Bedrooms, stylish Bathroom with shower, 2 car parking spaces and access to integral GARAGE (below) and 2 useful secure brick built stores.EPC=C

Offers around £119,950



BRIERLEY HILL TYZACK CLOSE

Most pleasantly situated at the head of a private driveway leading from the popular cul-de-sac, this delightful 2 Bed Semi provides deceptively spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the young family or First Time buyer and briefly comprises:- Hall, spacious Lounge, stylish REFITTED KITCHEN with built-in oven and hob, 2 well proportioned Bedrooms, REFITTED SHOWER ROOM, pleasant well kept lawned rear Garden with private outlook, driveway to the front and additional parking space close by. EPC=C

Offers around £117,950



BRIERLEY HILL SPRINGFIELD ROAD

A superbly appointed, much improved and lovingly maintained 3 Bed End Townhouse, pleasantly situated on a "corner" plot in this convenient address and providing spacious GAS EXTENDED GAS CENTRALLY HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the young family or First Time Buyer. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Downstairs Bathroom with W.C., Superb REFITTED DINING KITCHEN with built-in oven and hob, 3 good sized Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with Shower, Delightfully kept Lawned Rear Gardens and Driveway Parking.EPC=D

Offers around £99,950



BRIERLEY HILL MOOR STREET

An attractively presented and stylishly appointed 2 Bed End 'Mews' providing skilfully proportioned UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the First Time Buyer or professional couple in this popular and very convenient address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, SUPERB REFITTED KITCHEN, 2 Bedrooms, (master with fitted wardrobes), REFITTED BATHROOM with Shower and allocated parking space to the rear. EPC=D

Offers around £87,500



CRADLEY COLLEY LANE

This unique individually designed One Bedroom Detached Cottage provides thoughtfully planned GAS CENTRALLY HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom "tucked away" in this convenient address and reached by a private driveway. Ideally suited to the Professional Singles or INVESTOR. Briefly comprises :- Hall, Open Plan Lounge with Fitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, Bedroom, Shower Room and Blocked Paved Parking to the Front. EPC=D

Offers around £74,950



PENSNETT COMMONSIDE

Very conveniently positioned for local amenities, this 2 Bed End Terrace provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and mostly UPVC double glazed accom which although requires CERTAIN UPGRADING and improvement provides tremendous FURTHER POTENTIAL. Briefly comprises spacious Lounge, sep Dining Room, Useful Cellar, Kitchen, 2 good sized Bedrooms, large Bathroom with separate shower cubicle and good sized rear Gardens with private outlook.EPC=D

Offers around £74,995



CRADLEY HEATH HINGLEY COURT

Superbly presented 2 Bed GROUND FLOOR Apartment provides stylish UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom and is available in conjunction with the SHARED OWNERSHIP INITIATIVE (50% SHARE). Extremely convenient for the amenities of Old Hill and Cradley Heath. Security Controlled Entrance, Hall, attractive Lounge opening to SUPERBLY FITTED KITCHEN with built in oven and hob and washing machine, 2 Excellent Bedrooms, sumptuous Bathroom with shower, Allocated Car Parking Space with secure gates and Communal Gardens.EPC=D

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GORNAL WOOD, Himley Road
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MILKING BANK AREA, Berkswell Close
VENDORS OFFERING £5500.00 TOWARDS STAMP DUTY IF ASKING PRICE MET. Freehold, gas centrally heated, double glazed detached comprising: hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room. Bedroom suite with bathroom beyond. 3 bedrooms (2nd bedroom with en suite), bathroom, garage, garden.EPC:D. SEDGLEY



SEDGLEY, Bath Street
EXCITING CONTEMPORARY DESIGN! - Fastidiously appointed recently built SPACIOUS detached.Hall study lounge, OUTSTANDING Dining Kitchen Lobby laundry F/cloaks; FOUR Bedrooms (2 en-suite)bathroom DOUBLE GARAGE. EPC:T.B.A. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £275,000

Offers in the region of £264,950

Offers in the region of £250,000



SEDGLEY, Dudley Road
PERIOD 4 BEDROOM ELEGANCE! - Gas centrally heated semi detached comprising, hall, living room, sitting room,kitchen, utility room. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Staircase up to dormer bedroom.Parking, garden. EPC: E. SEDGLEY



DUDLEY, Himley Avenue
EXTENDED, Freehold, gas centrally heated, double glazed detached with further potential comprising: entrance vestibule, hall, store, lounge, dining room, kitchen. Four bedrooms, bathroom. Car port, garage. Lengthy garden, workshop, sheds, garden room, INSPECTION VITAL FOR APPRECIATION. EPC: D. SEDGLEY



DUDLEY, Aintree Way, Milking Bank
Extended gas centrally heated uPVC double glazed detached on fine corner plot: hall lounge transverse dining kitchen (french doors out to garden) utility, fitted cloaks: 4 BEDROOMS reapt shower room with white suite: garage, garden. EPC D SEDGLEY



KINGSWINFORD, Cross Street
A DECEPTIVE MODERN LINK-DETACHED FAMILY HOME within Kingswinford's Old Quarter, with BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and LARGE, BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT GARDEN, offering a GENEROUS layout including THREE LARGE BEDROOMS Master with EN-SUITE. EPC D



Offers in the region of £237,950

Offers in the region of £199,950

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LOWER GORNAL, Summer Lane
Mostly double glazed gas centrally heated Period home with LARGE ATTACHED WORKSHOPS occupying a generous plot. NO UPWARD CHAIN - With lounge, sitting room,dining room, kitchen, bathroom, two first double bedrooms; two large workshops attached office, driveway, garden area. EPC:E, SEDGLEY



QUARRY BANK, New Street
This LARGE, MODERN, THREE BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME, is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and comprises: Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Guests WC, Three Bedrooms, (Master with En-Suite), Bathroom, Driveway, Garage and Rear Garden. EPC D



WOODSETTON, Parkes Lane
EXTENDED, gas centrally heated, double glazed semi detached comprising; hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage (sub-divided to form store & utility room with toilet off). Garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY



SWINDON, Winston Road
A LARGE SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME located within Swindon village, surrounded by countryside, providing a SPACIOUS 3 BEDROOM layout. Set beyond the 'chipped' forecourt and enjoying a LARGE REAR GARDEN. EPC D



SEDGLEY, Turlis Street
NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed detached within walking distance of Sedgley's Bullring comprising: porch,hall, cloaks, kitchen, spacious lounge/dining room, uPVC CONSERVATORY; three bedrooms, bathroom. EPC:D. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £159,950

£159,950

Offers in the region of £145,950

£144,950

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PENSNETT, Bell Street
This THREE BEDROOM, END TERRACE HOME is 'for sale' with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and FEATURES A FANTASTIC, WELL FITTED KITCHEN! Comprising; Reception Hall, Attractive Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen,THREE BEDROOMS, Bathroom and Pretty Rear Garden. EPC: E.



DUDLEY, Winchester Rise
REALISTICALLY PRICED! Conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached comprising: porch, living room, dining room, kitchen with "beech" effect units. Three double bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, garden. EPC: C. SEDGLEY



DUDLEY, Corbyn Road
AN IMPRESSIVE SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE WHICH is well placed, offering SUCCESSFULLY IMPROVED accommodation, all WELL APPOINTED, with TWO GOOD BEDROOMS. Set beyond the FULL WIDTH DRIVEWAY and with a LARGE REAR GARDEN. EPC D.



Brierley Hill, Woodbury Close
This traditional, three bedroom semi detached home is situated in an established cul de sac and comprises: hall, lounge, dining kitchen, shower room, conservatory, three bedrooms (en-suite to master), paved frontage and lengthy garden. EPC: D



£119,950

Offers in the region of £108,950

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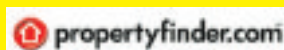
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**OAKHAM
Dingle Close**



Three bedroom semi detached house situated in the sought after Oakham area. Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, family bathroom, rear garden, garage and driveway. No upward chain!

£125,000



**TIPTON
Wood Street**

An amazingly presented beautiful family home located within walking distance to local shops and good transport links with Tipton train station within walking distance. This property really is a must view! Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge/dining room, modern fitted kitchen, family bathroom, rear garden and driveway to the front. EPC - D

£140,000



**Oldbury
Morgan Close**

No upward chain! Three bedroom modern detached house briefly comprising entrance hall, downstairs wc, lounge, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, en-suite to master bedroom, family bathroom, garage, rear garden and driveway to the front. EPC - D

£159,950

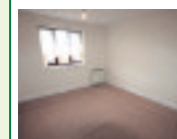


**TIPTON
Dudley Road West**



THIS PROPERTY MUST BE SOLD!!! Modern first floor apartment with double glazing, electric heating and briefly comprising, reception hall, large lounge, fitted kitchen, inner hallway with storage cupboard, 1 bedroom and bathroom. Allocated parking. Previously rented out at £425 pcm. EPC rating C

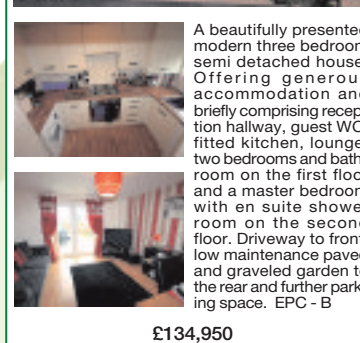
£54,950



**Dudley
Queens Hall**

THIS MUST BE SOLD!! A modern, ground floor one bed apartment in the popular Queen's Hall development. Walking distance of Dudley town centre, secure parking and entry to the apartment. Has double glazing and electric heating, open plan kitchen/diner/lounge, one double bedroom and house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. EPC - D

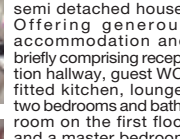
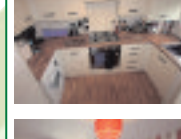
£70,000



**DUDLEY
Hackett Drive**

A beautifully presented modern three bedroom semi detached house. Offering generous accommodation and briefly comprising reception hallway, guest WC, fitted kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms and bathroom on the first floor and a master bedroom with en suite shower room on the second floor. Driveway to front, low maintenance paved and graveled garden to the rear and further parking space. EPC - B

£134,950



**DUDLEY
Five Ways Court**

Available on 50% share basis this is an amazing two bedroom apartment with far reaching views from the lounge window. With secure gated entrance and walking distance to Gornal village this will appeal to everyone so call now to arrange your viewing

£49,950



**COSELEY
Wagstaffe Close**

Two bedroom first floor flat briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, two good size bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden with two brick built storage cupboards. No upward chain.

£64,950



**DUDLEY
Moncrieffe Close**

Purpose Built ground Floor Flat which has been maintained to a high standard by the current owner. Benefiting from security entrance doors and allocated parking and set in picturesque grounds whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, modern fitted bathroom and communal gardens. EPC - C

£75,000



**DUDLEY
Ripley Grove**

A beautifully presented two bedroom detached coach house benefitting from a garage and private rear garden. Also comprising entrance hall, open plan lounge/kitchen, white bathroom suite, Driveway to the front of the property. EPC - C

£109,950



**SEDGLEY
The Bungalow**

A detached dormer bungalow, On a private road, fitted kitchen, dining room, through lounge, conservatory & a further through reception room. Two bedrooms are on the ground floor, a further two are on the first floor. There is a bathroom on each floor, WC on the ground floor, off road parking, Unfurnished, available to view now for long term rental EPC D

£995 PCM + Fees



**BILSTON
Mason Street**

Four bedroom detached house. Large lounge. Fitted kitchen & dining room includes oven. Conservatory. Downstairs WC. Four bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet on the 1st floor. Central heating & double glazing. Gated carport to side. Small rear garden. No DSS. Pets considered. Available now to view. EPC E

£650 PCM + Fees



**DUDLEY
Garrick Close**

Beautifully presented two bedroom 1st floor apartment. Has lounge/dining area. Fitted kitchen includes oven/hob and washing machine. Two double bedrooms both with en-suite. Separate toilet. Small terrace/balcony area. Secure entry. Allocated parking area. Part furnished (includes sofa, dining table and chairs only), central heating & double glazing. No Dss. No pets. Available now to view. EPC C

£600 PCM + Fees



**DUDLEY
Dingle Close**

A three bedroom semi-detached house with garage and driveway. Two reception rooms, fitted kitchen with built in oven. Three good sized bedrooms. Bathroom with separate shower cubicle and corner bath. Enclosed rear garden. No DSS. Available now for viewings. EPC D

£600 PCM + Fees



**DUDLEY
Pages Croft**

A modern two bedroom top floor apartment on popular Priory Park development. Having lounge, fitted kitchen with appliances, two bedrooms, master bedroom with en-suite and house bathroom. Double glazing, allocated parking. Available to view now. No DSS EPC B

£535 PCM + Fees



**NETHERTON
Wharf Mews**

A first floor two bed apartment, open plan lounge/diner with kitchenette off with fridge/freezer, washing machine & built in oven, two good sized double bedrooms (master with en-suite shower/WC) and a house bathroom/WC. Secure entry phone access. Virgin media connection, allocated parking. No DSS, no pets, unfurnished. Available to view now for long term rental EPC C

£525 PCM + Fees



**TIPTON
Leveson Drive**

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TENBURY WELLS, 6 TEMESIDE CLOSE

Spacious 4 bed Detached in delightful country town location, Two Reception, large Kitchen, Gas CH, pleasant garden
Guide: £138,000 / £145,000
VIEWING - BY APPOINTMENT

WOLVERHAMPTON, 31 NEWBRIDGE STREET

Well presented and attractive 3 bed Semi. Through Lounge, Study, Dining Area. Kitchen, Cloakroom, enclosed Rear Garden with useful Outbuilding
Guide: £118,000 / £123,000
VIEWING - FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 21st & 22nd NOVEMBER @ 11.00 a.m.

PARKFIELDS, 193 DIXON STREET

Investment - Mid Terrace, Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Garden, off-road parking
Guide: T.B.A.
VIEWING - BY PRIOR APPOINTMENT ONLY

PENN, 10 ALEXANDRA ROAD

Smartly modernised, Late Victorian Mid Terraced Residence with two Reception, Kitchen and Utility, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom, Fas CH, double glazed, useful Outbuilding and Rear Garden
Guide: £125,000 / £135,000
VIEWING - FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 21st & 22nd NOVEMBER @ 12.00 noon

North Warnborough, Hampshire, Hook Road

Parcel of Freehold Land with frontage to Hook Road
Guide: £8,000 / £12,000

Tettenhall, 6 Lower Street

Very spacious End Terrace with outlook to Lower Green, Porch, Hall, Two Reception, Kitchen, Shower Room, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas CH, Three Outbuildings, Spacious Garden area
Guide: £68,000 / £73,000
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OFFERS BASED ON: £119,950

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• MAISONETTE
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• BATHROOM
• DOUBLE GLAZED
OFFERS BASED ON: £69,950

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• SEMI DETACHED
• CORNER PLOT
• HALL • LOUNGE
• DINING ROOM
• FITTED KITCHEN
• THREE BEDROOMS
• BATHROOM • GARAGE
• LANDSCAPED GARDENS
• IMMACULATE THRU'OUT
OFFERS BASED ON: £169,950

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COTWALL END ROAD
Extended semi detached situated in a sought after location adjacent to Cotwall End Valley and within a short distance of Gornal Village centre. Accommodation comprises - reception hall - lounge with formal dining area - fully fitted extended kitchen - extended sitting room/formal dining room with feature vaulted ceiling - three bedrooms - bathroom - garage - gas c/htg - double glazed - block paved drive and parking - gardens - freehold
OFFERS BASED ON: £169,950

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BIRD STREET
Fully recently refurbished detached cottage style property in a popular residential area within walking distance of the village centre. Lounge-Dining Room-Fitted Kitchen-Cloakroom-Two Bedrooms-Bathroom-Gas C/Htg-Double Glazed-Gardens-freehold-Vacant Possession-Reduced to Sell
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4 EDEN GARDENS OIRO £220,000

OFF GORGE ROAD SEDGLEY

- Dormer style detached residence
- Four bedrooms
- Located in a small secure gated development
- Lounge & dining room, utility area
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING C



41 GROSVENOR ROAD, ETTINGSHALL PARK £219,950

- Detached house with three double bedrooms
- Extended & well maintained accommodation
- Extended 'L' shaped kitchen and utility area
- Larger than average attractively landscaped gardens
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



50 CLAREMONT ROAD Offers Around £199,950

- SEDGLEY
- Traditional style detached house
- Three bedrooms & recently re-fitted bathroom
- Extended kitchen & downstairs shower room,
- Attractively landscaped westerley facing rear garden
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E



8 FIELDSTONE VIEW, LOWER GORNAL £199,500

- Attractive modern three bedroom detached house
- Set well back from the road behind a good sized front garden
- Through lounge, dining kitchen, conservatory, ensuite shower room
- Gas central heating, upvc double glazing, detached garage
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



1A COPPICE ROAD £184,950

- COSELEY
- Improved end of terraced residence
- Three bedrooms
- Separate self contained one bedroom annexe
- Double garage, large tarmac area
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING C



13 BREEN RYDDING DRIVE OIRO £172,500

- COSELEY
- Three bedroom semi detached house
- Improved & extended accommodation
- Living room & dining area, conservatory
- Study/sitting room, large bathroom
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING C



35 TURL'S HILL ROAD OIRO £149,950

- SEDGLEY
- Semi detached house with three bedrooms
- Attractively presented accommodation
- Conservatory & side utility area
- Attractively landscaped level private rear garden
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



179 TIPTON ROAD £145,000

- WOODSETTON
- Spacious victorian terraced house
- Refurbished property
- Re-fitted kitchen & bathroom
- Secure parking at rear
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E



33 SILVERTHORNE AVENUE OIRO £135,000

- TIPTON
- Detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Rear well room extension
- Cosmetic updating & improvements required
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E



43 TANSLEY HILL AVENUE £135,000

- DUDLEY
- Semi detached house
- Substantially extended
- Three bedrooms & en suite shower room
- Extensive panoramic views to rear
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



2 CAUSEWAY ROAD O/A £134,950

- COSELEY
- Link detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Well presented accommodation
- Conservatory at rear
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



12 GIDEONS CLOSE O/A £129,950

- UPPER GORNAL
- Semi detached house
- Two double bedrooms
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Semi detached single garage
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



21 HALL STREET OIRO £123,500

- CRADLEY HEATH
- Modern semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Well proportioned accommodation
- Gas central heating
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



5 QUEENS CRESCENT £115,000

- COSELEY
- Semi detached house
- Extended accommodation
- Three bedrooms, shower room
- Utility room/study
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E



33 KINGS ROAD £114,950

- SEDGLEY
- Considerably improved mid terraced house
- Two bedrooms
- Well presented accommodation
- Gas centrally heated & double glazed
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



4 HILL AVENUE £107,500

- LANESFIELD
- Semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Well maintained & improved
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



35 BARNCROFT ROAD £102,950

- TIVIDALE
- Semi detached house
- Well maintained & improved
- Two bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING C



1 SOUTH OVAL £99,950

- UPPER GORNAL
- End terraced house
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E



20 HILL AVENUE £84,950

- LANESFIELD
- Semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Cosmetic works needed
- Generous corner plot
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D

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COSELEY



Greenland Drive
* A FIVE bedroom detached
* Fully extended and enhanced
* Landscaped rear garden
* Open plan style lounge
* Dining Room, Conservatory
* Nursery/Office and En-suite
* Large garage ideal for "Granary Flat"
* Parking for 3/4 cars plus Caravan
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,996

SEDGLEY



Cornwall End Road
* A detached, unique family home
* Located in a desirable area
* Good size plot & extensive gardens
* FULL OF POTENTIAL
* Three double bedrooms
* Two reception rooms & Sun room
* NO UPWARD CHAIN
* EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £250,000

COSELEY



Sunbeam Hill Road
* A fabulous period DETACHED
* Full of character and charm
* Open plan style Dining Room
* Country style kitchen & utility room
* FOUR DOUBLE bedrooms
* THREE BATHROOMS
* Driveway parking and garage
* EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £255,000

SEDGLEY



Gospel End Road
* NO UPWARD CHAIN
* An excellent size DETACHED home
* Sought after Gospel End address
* Open plan and recently fitted kitchen
* Utility room, play room/hiding room
* FOUR bedrooms, two en-suites
* Driveway parking for several cars
* Part garage and private rear garden
* EPC Rating - D

ASKING PRICE £249,996

COSELEY



Hurst Road
* An excellent size DETACHED home
* Double garage to the rear
* Large drive accommodation parking
* Open plan lounge/dining room
* Good size breakfast conservatory
* Utility room and conservatory
* THREE bedrooms
* In need of some cosmetic work
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS BASED ON £180,900

WOODSETTON



Vicarage Road West
* A fantastic DETACHED property
* Extended FOUR bedrooms
* Two reception rooms
* Kitchen and downstairs WC
* In need of some updating
* Fabulous & excellent size garden
* Garage and large driveway
* EPC Rating - F

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £175,000

ETTINGSHALL PARK



Dovedale Road
* A MODERN three bedroom semi
* Enhanced & upgraded throughout
* Kitchen, utility & guest WC
* THREE bathrooms
* Dining room
* Fabulous rear garden
* Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN
* EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £176,000

COSELEY



Clifton Street
* A traditional DETACHED home
* Open plan lounge/dining room
* Modern Kitchen
* Three good size bedrooms
* An excellent size bathroom
* Rear gardens & garage
* Off road parking for 2/3 cars
* An ideal family home
* EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £176,000

COSELEY



Siddons Road
* A SPACIOUS detached Bungalow
* Extended dining kitchen
* Open plan style lounge
* Two DOUBLE bedrooms
* An excellent size bathroom
* Upgraded and modernised throughout
* Well maintained rear garden
* Upvc double glazed
* Two brick built outbuildings
* EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £169,000

THE STRAITS



Sandyfields Road
* An excellent size semi-detached
* Corner plot with planning permission
* Ideal location for Gornal Village
* Lounge & separate dining room
* Contemporary Kitchen
* THREE bedrooms and family bathroom
* Private rear gardens & off road parking
* EPC Rating - BSC

OFFERS BASED ON £169,000

OLD PARK FARM ESTATE, DUDLEY



15a Mulberry Green
* A BRAND NEW Detached Bungalow
* 10 year Builders guarantee
* Large "L" shaped kitchen
* Good size lounge
* TWO bedrooms Upstairs
* Dining Room/3rd bedroom (downstairs)
* En-suite and house bathroom
* Driveway and GARAGE
* NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £169,900

WOLVERHAMPTON



Camberley Crescent
* Attractively presented traditional semi
* Lounge with open plan dining area
* Modern kitchen
* An extra reception room
* Three bedrooms & family bathroom
* Garage & driveway parking
* Fabulous rear gardens
* An ideal family home
* EPC Rating - F

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £162,000

ETTINGSHALL PARK



Farrington Road
* A "Mucklow" style semi-detached
* Popular Ettingshall Park Estate
* OPEN PLAN style lounge/diner
* Three bedrooms & Family Bathroom
* Private rear garden
* Garage & driveway
* EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £148,996

WOODSETTON



Berruade Close
* A modern style semi-detached property
* In a quiet cul-de-sac location
* Having an excellent size conservatory
* Lounge and kitchen
* THREE bedrooms & family bathroom
* Integral Garage
* Low maintenance rear garden
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £144,990

COSELEY



Selcote Grove
* An impressive semi-detached
* Cul-de-sac location in Cosely
* Extended and garage conversion
* Kitchen and separate utility room
* THREE bedrooms and family bathroom
* Gas central heating
* Block paved driveway
* Private rear garden
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £135,000

UPPER GORNAL



Eve Lane
* A traditional THREE bed semi
* Having been fully renovated
* Open plan EXTENDED kitchen
* Brand new kitchen and bathroom
* Upvc double glazed throughout
* Gas centrally heated
* NO UPWARD CHAIN
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £131,990

COSELEY



Sheldone Road
* BRAND NEW development
* 5 PLOTS available
* 2 bed town house and semi-detached
* Contemporary accommodation
* Luxury kitchen and bathroom
* Allocated parking - Rear gardens
* Flexible mortgages available
* EPC rating - B

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £129,999

SEDGLEY



Lionel Road
* A deceptively spacious mid town house
* Beautifully presented throughout
* Lounge & Conservatory
* Open plan modern kitchen & dining area
* Downstairs cloakroom
* Three bedrooms
* Two allocated parking spaces
* NO UPWARD CHAIN
* EPC - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £129,996

COSELEY



Beach Avenue
* A well presented CORNER Bungalow
* Popular residential area
* Open plan dining kitchen
* Lounge and downstairs bathroom
* Two bedrooms and en-suite
* Garden to the front and rear
* VIEWING IS RECOMMENDED
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £126,000

WOODSETTON



Patricia Crescent
* SOLD IN 10 DAYS!
* A well presented semi-detached
* Situated on the Bransford Estate
* Open plan lounge/dining room
* Kitchen and utility room
* Wet room and house bathroom
* THREE bedrooms
* Delightful rear garden
* EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £121,000

COSELEY



Goldborough Close
* A MODERN end of terrace
* Quiet cul-de-sac location
* Modern kitchen & bathroom
* Newly fitted conservatory
* Three bedrooms
* Off road parking for 2 cars
* Ideal first time buy
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,000

DUDLEY



Minehead Road
* A generously sized Semi Detached
* Situated on the Russell Hall Estate
* Lounge and dining room
* Fitted kitchen
* Two good size bedrooms
* Garage and driveway
* Low maintenance rear garden
* Ideal first time buy
* EPC Rating - D

£119,000

WOODSETTON



Hilary Crescent
* A traditional THREE bedrooms semi
* Modernised throughout & extended
* Open plan style kitchen & utility
* Lounge and dining room
* Pleasant rear garden
* NO UPWARD CHAIN
* Ideal INVESTMENT opportunity
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £115,000

HURST HILL



Hollywell Street
* A beautifully presented end of terrace
* Ideal location for local amenities
* Enhanced internally to high standard
* Open plan style dining kitchen
* THREE bedrooms
* Well maintained rear garden
* Off road parking for two cars
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £114,000

LOWER GORNAL



Woolstone Drive
* A beautifully presented mid terrace
* Lounge & dining kitchen
* Two double bedrooms
* Modern bathroom
* Off road parking for two vehicles
* Private rear garden
* An ideal first time buy
* EPC Rating - C

OFFERS OVER £110,000

COSELEY



Dennicks Avenue
* A traditional bay-fronted semi-detached
* Open plan lounge/dining room
* THREE bedrooms
* In need of some TLC
* Garage and rear garden
* Upvc double glazed throughout
* NO UPWARD CHAIN
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £101,990

SEDGLEY



Blith Road
* SOLD IN 3 DAYS!
* A traditional end of terrace property
* Offered with No Upward Chain
* Situated in a popular residential area
* Few minutes drive from Sedgley centre
* Some updating required
* TWO bedrooms
* Off road parking
* EPC Rating - BSC

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £97,750

COSELEY



Southall Crescent
* A spacious Terrace property
* Walking distance to Train Station
* Open plan style Dining kitchen
* Downstairs WC
* TWO bedrooms and bathroom
* Good size rear garden
* Driveway for parking
* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £95,000

LANESFIELD



Hilbert Road
* A traditional style semi-detached home
* Popular residential location
* In need of some cosmetic updating
* Open plan kitchen/diner
* Three bedrooms
* Double glazed windows
* A garage and driveway
* NO UPWARD CHAIN
* EPC Rating - D

£92,000

GORNAL WOOD



Hinley Road
* A substantial plot of land FOR SALE with planning permission for a two bedroom residential dwelling. The land currently has an existing detached double garage and the land itself has been graded ready for development. (Guarantees available). Approximately 473m² (square meters)

GUIDE PRICE £90,000

Ford's popular Kuga SUV gets boost with an update

The Blue Oval car maker Ford has updated its popular Kuga sports utility vehicle with improved engines and more in-car technology.

Under the bonnet the flagship Kuga diesel model receives a horsepower boost, with the 2.0-litre motor's output now 180 horsepower – 17 more than before. It's also cleaner, with the 2.0-litre diesel family now producing less CO2.

It's the same story on the petrol front, with Ford swapping the Kuga's

1.6-litre EcoBoost engine for a 1.5-litre unit and reducing CO2 emissions to 143g/km from 154g/km.

Improved

Alongside the engine upgrades, Ford has improved the car's kit levels. The firm's innovative SYNC with AppLink multimedia interface will now enable drivers to voice-activate apps, while keeping their eyes on the road and their hands on the wheel. These already include leading music-streaming services Spotify, Audiotea, Glympse and Radioplayer.

Furthermore, the Kuga can be had with adaptive cruise control including forward alert, which warns drivers if they are travelling too close to the vehicle in front.

Another standard technology is the tyre pressure monitoring system, which warns if any of the tyres lose significant pressure during a journey.

Further available technologies include hands-free tailgate, blind spot information system, active city stop, lane keeping aid, lane keeping alert, auto high beam, driver alert and traffic sign recognition.



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09/09 Vauxhall Corsa 1.3 SXi CDTi Diesel 3dr, 52k, Grey Metallic, Alloys, Air Con £4995 / £31 Per Week	1994/M Honda C90 Cub Economy 90 Electric Start Semi-Automatic *ORIGINAL CONDITION* 7k, Red/White £1795

Finance example: Vauxhall Corsa 1.3 SXi CDTi, Cash Price £4995, Deposit £300, Amount of credit £4695, Fixed interest rate 6.25% Flat rate, 12% APR, 48 Payments of £122.28 (£30.50 per week) Total amount payable £6169.44 (Excludes £150 Document fee and £150 Completion fee, Subject to status)

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Classic is now up to date

By John Griffiths

Remember those sounds of the Sixties? The Beatles, the Who, the Rolling Stones, Cream – and the cream of British motorcycling which ruled the roads.

There's little on today's roads, apart from an E-Type Jag perhaps, which is so evocative of that golden age of British transport as the Triumph Bonneville.

But nostalgia is at least in part about looking back through rose tinted spectacles (and I'm not just talking hippies) so sometimes we forget the downsides like awful drum brakes, lights measured in a handful of candlepower and oil leaks.

Thankfully, today's Triumph engineers lost the specs, rose tints and all, and created a new Bonneville which respects the 60s icon but is thoroughly modern, featuring such things as a bigger, fuel-injected engine and disc brakes to make it a thoroughly useable, enjoyable machine for the 21st Century.

The homage to two eras starts with the 865cc, overhead cam parallel twin-engine – original Bonnies were the same configuration but 650s, later enlarged to 750cc.

Look at the modern block and you'll see what appears to be a pair of carbs but in fact they conceal a thoroughly modern fuel-injection system and electronic ignition which is more efficient, improving throttle response while reducing fuel consumption and exhaust emissions.

And it starts more easily, too, with the

press of a button and not a kick-start (which on old big bikes would occasionally kick you back).

The 2014 Bonnie retains the classic, chromed 'peashooter' style twin exhausts but they've been modified to produce a more authentic soundtrack.

It does hark back to the 60s and there's nothing else quite like it: a bass duet to accompany your journey with an occasional 'pop pop' chorus as you shut off the power. To me it has so much more character than modern four-cylinder or V-twin unit.

You also get disc brakes front and rear – only a single disc at the front but it performs competently for a bike of this weight and performance.

Heritage

Triumph calls the bike a classic and that's a good as description as any. It's not a sports or adventure bike and in other manufacturer's hands its nature could be described as a 'cruiser' but the Midlands company has a rich heritage of its own so, thankfully, didn't have to produce a Harley-Davidson lookalike.

Many riders will find the Bonnie's performance and handling better than some of that ilk, too. It has a gutsy 67bhp and 68Nm of torque from relatively low revs which means there's enough get up and go to feel a powerful tug on your arms as you press on up through the gears. Top (fifth) gear is set quite high, for quieter cruising and economy.

Top speed is estimated at 115mph, which is more than enough for a bike designed for British roads and not track days, and there's plenty of oomph.



TESTED

Triumph Bonneville T100

Engine: 865cc, air-cooled parallel twin with 67bhp and 68Nm of torque. Five-speed gearbox and chain final drive.

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It's a naked bike, too, so wind pressure (and the constraints of the law) tends to restrict any temptation to press on for the magical 'ton up' of 60s bikers, and could be tiring on long motorway runs.

OK, you could no doubt find an after-market screen but quite honestly it would ruin the classic lines of the Bonnie which Triumph have worked so hard to preserve, and which is a compelling reason for buying one.

The test bike, a top of the range T100 with spoked chrome wheels, a chrome crankcase and gearbox covers, a chrome chain guard and a colour scheme of fusion white with gold coach lines, certainly turned heads (including mine).

I found it a charismatic bike just to look at, as well as to ride on my 150-mile trip through Shropshire and Mid-Wales, the T100 growing on me as I explored its capabilities.

It averaged around 60mpg, so not an expensive day out either.

It's not a heavy bike and doesn't have (or in fact need) the big fat tyres you'd expect on a supersports machine, but its straight line stability is impressive and it tracks accurately through the corners too.

The suspension (telescopic forks at the front and twin, chromed spring shocks at the rear) cope well with rough b-roads, providing a reasonable balance between ride comfort and competent handling.

I found it inspired confidence and, like a dog owner is said to grow to look like their pet, the Bonneville shared some of its character with me which made for a relaxed, stress-free ride.

The traditionally-styled seat is flat rather

than sculpted but rather well padded, while the high bars and well-placed controls allow for an upright riding position comfortable for longer rides. The extra padding is new, and certainly welcome for those of us heading for the hills, or the beach.

There's plenty of room for a pillion passenger, and the latest T100 now gets a sturdy chrome grab handle to add to their sense of security.

The basic Bonneville costs £6,799 while the T100 comes in at £7,599, with the extra buying you the traditional wire-spoked wheels and paint schemes, the distinctive engine and chain guard chrome features, and protective rubber gaiters covering the front suspension, plus large twin analogue dials (speedo and rev counter).

If you're not keen on all that chrome, there's a T100 Black option.

The Bonneville name comes from the famous salt flats in Utah where once Triumphs successfully challenged for world motorcycle speed records.

Modern Bonnies have been produced by today's Triumph company at Hinckley, Leicestershire, since 2001 and are sold all over the world, proving that it isn't just nostalgia and flying the flag for Britain's motorcycling heritage which have made it such a big seller.

It no doubt strikes a chord with those who appreciate such things, but it would hardly be so popular if Triumph hadn't created an excellent blend of classic styling with modern technology and capability.

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Ben hits the ton to set up replay

Blyth Spartans 1 Halesowen 1

BEN HASELEY scored his 100th goal in a Halesowen shirt to give the Yeltz a second chance of beating Blyth.

The Evo-Stik Premier rivals will meet again at The Grove to replay the FA Trophy second qualifying round tie after a dramatic finish on Saturday.

Haseley struck after 89 minutes when he lifted the ball over Blyth keeper Peter Jefferies after Ryan Hutchinson's attempted clearance was blocked.

His century of goals have come in just 130 league and cup appearances.

Halesowen started in lively fashion with Iyden Christie heading just wide from an Aaron Griffiths corner on 15 minutes, and then hitting the post after Haseley found him with a pass.

It was a game of few chances but the North-East side took the lead in 54 minutes when Robbie Dale got on the end of a ball from Nathan Buddle to steer it home.

Although Halesowen enjoyed the most possession in the second half, it looked like they were heading out of the tournament until Haseley's late intervention.

Dudley's Vase run is ended

Silhill 4 Team Dudley 1

A positive start from Dudley saw them move the ball well on a very wide pitch, however, the first chance fell to Silhill in 11 minutes, they headed an effort on target with Jones pushing it on to the bar. Fourteen minutes in and Silhill had a lead. James Ward gifted them the ball in midfield and they broke and shot across Liam Jones into the corner.

Just inside the second half Silhill doubled their lead. A 30 yard shot caught Jones out.

James Hill halved the arrears for TD.

A corner ended up being volleyed home for Silhill who went 4-1 up just after the hour.

Time to let action do the talking, says Douglas

DUDLEY KINGSWINFORD director of rugby Carl Douglas has warned his players they must 'start to deliver' or risk becoming cut adrift in their battle against relegation.

DK returned to National League Three Midlands action with a trip to Longton, seven days after they were thrashed 67-0 by Newport in the North Midlands Cup.

And, with his side second from bottom and nine points below the safety line after just one win from their first nine games, Douglas admits time is running out to back up their words with actions.

"The time has come that we can't keep

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saying we're making progress and showing signs of improvement," said Douglas.

"We have to start delivering on those words and doing it consistently," admitted the club boss.

"That is my responsibility from a coaching point of view but it is a two-way thing that involves the players. We've got to make sure that we are about actions and not just about words.

"It is easy to say that we are getting bet-

ter and making progress and I think we are, but the reality is we have just not been good enough so far this season and we have to get our house in order in terms of delivering performances," he added.

"The table doesn't lie and at the moment we don't have enough points on the board.

Relegated

"My understanding is that three teams will be relegated and at the moment there is a concern that we could be cut adrift from the teams above us.

"There is a still a large chunk of the season to play and I am certain we have the

talent at the club to improve our results, but sooner or later we need to deliver."

Douglas was expecting to name a full-strength side at Longton after making a host of changes for last weekend's heavy cup defeat.

He said: "We were forced into a few changes by injuries, unavailability and the fact we felt we needed to rest a few lads.

"That's no excuse for the performance and the reality is that we have to start taking responsibility for the way we play.

"We need players to demand higher standards of themselves and of the people around them."

Three goals but not much in excitement

England 3 Slovenia 1

SATURDAY at Wembley was a total non-event.

For the first time in recent memory, England's friendlies are more interesting than their qualifiers.

Every occasion at Wembley Stadium, especially those ones that attracts a crowd of more than 80,000 people, feels like an event.

But Saturday's low-key Euro 2016 qualifier against the minnows from Eastern Europe tested the theory like never before.

England were uninspiring but more than good enough to win, the loyal but subdued spectators failed to get excited, Wayne Rooney picked up his 100th cap, Danny Welbeck took another step forward in his international career and a couple of young full-backs seized their opportunity.

And nobody seemed remotely engaged by any of it.

The manager took the chance to blood young Southampton defender Nathaniel Clyne and was rewarded with a hugely encouraging debut.

And, having been forced into starting with Arsenal's Kieran Gibbs, Hodgson watched the young Arsenal left-back send out a message to Leighton Baines and Luke Shaw.

Yet Hodgson missed the chance to blood in-form Albion star Saido Berahino - whose exploits have captured the imagination of more than just Baggies fans if the cheers which greeted his name were any guide - and give exciting Everton youngster Ross Barkley another opportunity.

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And only when he was pushed into a tactical change in the second half did his side find any semblance of conviction and tempo, eventually winning the game thanks to Rooney's penalty and Welbeck's brace after they were jolted into life by Jordan Henderson's hapless own-goal.

The diamond system designed to get the best from Rooney and Raheem Sterling stifles the rest of the side and it took a switch in the wake of Slovenia's opener, with Sterling and Welbeck providing the previously non-existent width either side of Rooney, to turn the tide.

The first half had been turgid, England dominating possession yet lacking a spark, but three goals in 10 second-half minutes finally gave the fixture a jumpstart. It was the visitors who took the lead as Henderson glanced a free-kick over keeper Joe Hart and into England's net on 57 minutes.

A minute later Rooney was fouled in the box and stepped up to blast home the ensuing penalty.

Sam's the man as he takes out opponent



Sam Eggington, standing, who ended the fight against Sebastien Allais. Picture Russell Pritchard

STOURBRIDGE'S Sam Eggington will be a part of big-time boxing again by late January after cutting his night short in style on Saturday, writes Craig Birch.

Veteran Frenchman Sebastien Allais was brought in to give Eggington rounds but didn't get past the first, in front of the Sky Sports cameras.

Spectators at the 3Arena in Dublin, Ireland, felt Allais' pain as he crumpled in a heap from a short left

hand that broke two of his ribs. The fight was 105 seconds old.

The contest had been reduced from eight to six rounds at late notice, but the Midlands welterweight champion didn't need anything like that sort of distance to get the job done.

And the 21-year-old impressed the Matchroom Boxing promoters sufficiently to already be offered a spot on the bill of Anthony Crolla's world title fight.

Evans may have to face surgery

LEE EVANS may have to undergo surgery in what could be another injury blow to Wolves.

The 20-year-old midfielder has suffered a broken scaphoid and has been playing with a cast for several weeks.

Evans has been experiencing some discomfort after damaging the bone between the hand and forearm on the thumb side of the wrist.

Beckham suffered the same injury when as England captain he fell heavily during a 2-1 victory over South Africa in May 2003.

Evans had to wait again for his Wales debut after being a non-playing member of Chris Coleman's squad that played a Euro 2016 qualifier away to Belgium last night.

"Lee Evans has a hand injury he's been playing with, with the aid of a small splint," said head coach Kenny Jackett.

"It will either clear up in the next couple of weeks or he'll need to have it operated on.

"It will only be a minor operation - it won't keep him out long."

Wolves are currently without Dave Edwards and Scott Golbourne, although there is an outside chance both may be fit for Saturday.

Thirteen is lucky for Ashfield

THE second West Midlands cross country League meeting, saw 21 Dudley and Stourbridge Harriers (Dash) taking part in the action at Wolverhampton.

Highest placed Dash runner on the day was Reece Ashfield, who improved in the under-15 boys race for 13th place with Jay Prian-toro in 36th.

Tom Slater put in a good show in the under-13 boys race for 15th as Harry Walters moved up 30 places on the first race for 40th, with Alex Hurrell 43rd and Adam Bodin 54th.

Grace Slater and Elliot Jones both ran well as Grace was 37th from 170 plus runners in the under-13 girls race and Elliot 15th in the under-17 men's.



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Tipton share match spoils

**Tipton Town 1
Alvechurch 1**

TIPTON keeper Matt Martin ensured his side shared the spoils with Alvechurch in the Midland League Premier Division.

The home side took an eighth-minute lead when Paul Henley out jumped the visiting defence at a corner and powered home a header.

Alvechurch got their chance to level in the 26th minute when Gareth Evans was upended in the box. He got up to take the penalty but Martin diverted his shot for a corner.

Further pressure on the home goal eventually brought the equaliser, when Luke Shearer capitalised from Danny Carter's cross in the 41st minute.

Tipton hit back strongly in the second half, almost forging ahead again in the 47th minute when Simon Badinne agonisingly saw keeper Keith Rostill turn the ball over the top.

Alvechurch stepped up the pace again. Dale Edwards heading a Shearer cross a foot or so wide. As the game neared its conclusion, Joe Adams for the visitors cleverly weaved his way into the Tipton penalty area but Martin remained defiant.

Evans then tested Martin with a full-blooded drive but the Tipton keeper was equal to it.

Quiet week for runners

IT was a quiet week for athletes from Dudley Kingswinford Running Club.

With only a handful of races it was a chance to concentrate on training rather than pin a number to the vest for most club members, but there was always a chance of someone racing somewhere. A couple of club members didn't have to travel far to shave a chunk off their best times.

Paul Baker finished 103rd in a personal best time of 1:41.34 and Dave Ede also recorded a PB of 1:49.19 in 136th place in the Autumn Shakespeare Half Marathon, a pancake flat event at the Shakespeare County Raceway in Stratford-upon-Avon.

The course was made up of multiple laps of 5km on closed roads, the only thing to negotiate were other runners in the 5k, 10k, half and full Marathon.

Delight as Heathens live to ride another day



New signing Michael Neale, centre, with promoter Gary Patchett and Will Pottinger

CRADLEY fans raised the roof at the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill after news broke of the club's survival for 2015.

Almost 300 riders, officials and supporters packed the Earls Suite to hear the news that the reigning National League champions will be back to defend their title with home meetings at Birmingham's Perry Barr Stadium.

And in a further boost for the sport it was confirmed the Brummies will also return to the track – also in the National League – after their mid-season collapse this year through financial troubles.

Speedway

Heathens lost the use of Monmore Green which is only available for Elite League Wolves next year and there have been serious concerns over possible closure of the former Dudley Wood outfit.

But club co-boss Gary Patchett said: "It's been hard, it's been tough, but we have agreed an arrangement with Birmingham to share Perry Barr next year.

"We have done this purely because of the supporters. We have so far been unsuccessful

in finding a piece of land to call our own in the Dudley or Sandwell area so we are still relying on other venues.

"I even had a call from King's Lynn asking if we could go there! There has been so much goodwill but I would like to thank Tony Mole at Birmingham and hope the Brummies fans turn out to support their side as well."

The club also confirmed their first signing for 2015 after reaching agreement with Michael Neale. Neale, from Manchester, will start the season in one of the reserve positions on a three-point average.

Saido is a work in progress

ALBION hero Darren Moore believes international recognition is just the "tip of the iceberg" for Saido Berahino.

The 21-year-old striker could become the first outfield Baggies player to play for England in 30 years when Roy Hodgson's side take on Scotland in a friendly.

Moore, who is now back at Albion coaching the club's pro development phase players, believes Berahino has set an example for others to follow and believes the young striker will only get better.

"The beautiful thing about him is he is still a work in progress. Look where he is now but he will feel he is still not the finished article – which is great," said Moore, who made 116 appearances while at the Hawthorns.

"He will continue to work and to get full recognition for the national team is great work and testament to where he is as an individual.

"We at the club feel very, very proud – but again this is only the tip of the iceberg in terms of where he wants to go. He wants to continue scoring."

Tividale match is rained off

TIVIDALE were out of action on Saturday after a waterlogged pitch put paid to their home match with Brigg Town in the Evo-Stik Division One South.

However, the holders are through to the last eight of this season's JW Hunt Cup after handing out a beating to Wednesfield where they won 3-1 at home.

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DK EDGED OUT WITH A LATE TRY

Longton 34 DK31

ONCE again Dudley Kingswinford had to field an unsettled side.

The team showed five changes from that which played against Newport last Saturday. From the outset of the match it was obvious why both sides are languishing at the bottom of the table.

It was a game that can only be described as a comedy of errors.

DK kicked off playing down the slope and immediately put the home side under pressure and after seven minutes Longton centre Luke Fowles was yellow carded for deliberately knocking the ball into touch.

In contrast to last week, the DK pack took total control and eventually the home side were penalised and Jamie Hearn opened the DK account with the successful kick.

Possession

With DK in the ascendancy, and totally against the run of play, the home team took possession following a DK mistake and following up a speculative kick winger Ethan Clowes won the race to touch down for Longton's first try. Grant Hallam was unable to add the extra points.

Immediately from the restart Longton were pinned back in their 22.

But with DK managing to make yet another mistake, Longton regained possession and following several missed tackles especially down DK's right flank winger Siupeli Vaipulu ran in unopposed. DK's Nick

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Adams then raced 60 metres to score. Jamie Hearn added the extras.

Longton stopped DK scoring run and immediately cashed in on poor tackling to run the length of the field for a converted try.

DK kept up the pressure and were awarded a penalty for the opposition collapsing a maul.

Jamie Hearn was once again successful with the kick.

On the stroke of half time the home team brushed aside some weak DK tackling to score through left wing Ethan Clowes. Grant Hallam added the extras.

Within five minutes from the start of the second half Danny Hawkins picked barged over for a DK try. Jamie Hearn's conversion edged DK to with one point.

DK were then awarded a penalty and Jamie Hearn edged the visitors into a narrow lead.

DK's new signing Edlyn Serge crossed for his first try. Longton got to within four points of DK with a Grant Hallam penalty. In the closing minutes, Longton snatched a winning try.



DK's TJ Gordon about to get a double hit during the match against Longton at the weekend

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